

# Norton Community Trust

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Happy New Year to Norton!

Just a short newsletter to start the New Year, chiefly to remind you about the informal Open Morning at the former church building on Saturday 21st January from 10 am till 12 mid-day. Given the current state of the building, we can't make this a fully public event and some parts of the building will be out of bounds. So this is mainly an opportunity for the new Hub Management Committee and the Hub patrons. Before the adaption work begins, the aim is to improve understanding about how the new layout will work in practice, including a reminder of what has been done so far and the next steps. The architect's plans will be on display.

We start the New Year full of hope for an early start to the building work. The plan is to confirm the contractor for the work in the next couple of weeks and get the work started in February or March at the latest. This will be a really exciting step forward - we're looking forward to reporting on progress over the year as the new Hub takes shape.

We ended last year with another healthy addition to our funds. With £500 from the Postcode Lottery, £200 from Vicky's tombola at the Christmas Fayre, and £100 voluntary contributions from Ann Price's pheasant shoots, we received a combined £800 into our funds - a lovely sum to end the year on, and huge thanks to all concerned. Our funding sub-group are already starting work on the next major grant application which should proceed in parallel with the building work - we'll let you know how that goes as well.

Finally, the Norton Hub 100 Club December draw took place just before Christmas - the December draw is of course the big double-prize one, so the even-luckier-than-usual winning numbers were:  
1<sup>st</sup> prize £60, No. 25; 2<sup>nd</sup> prize £40, No. 97; 3<sup>rd</sup> prize £20, No. 81; and a further £120 has gone into Hub funds.

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