

Norton Community Trust

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As we head into the Festive Season, here is an update on progress with the Norton Hub - and it's all good news!

The work of adapting the former church as a community hub is - drum roll! - virtually complete! It's taken a while, with various unexpected blips and delays - but we expected that (if you know what I mean!) The latest situation is that all the internal work on the building should finally be finished by 20th December. At that point, the architect is scheduled to return to site for a "snagging" review - so basically tidying up any loose ends in preparation for the contractor to hand the completed building back to the Trust before Christmas. What a lovely present that will be.

Following the Christmas period, the next job will be all the internal cleaning and decorating, and then moving the furniture and fittings that have been in storage into the Hub. We will be looking for volunteers to help with all of that, so if you're not already on our volunteer list and would like to be involved, please do let us know - contact details in the yellow box at the bottom of this newsletter.

Opening the Hub to the wider community will finally be possible after the work receives the necessary Building Control approval and the sewage connection and path have been completed. We are hopeful (ever hopeful!) that all of that will be done by mid-January. Which means that if all goes to plan, you will have the opportunity to visit the new Hub at a number of open mornings for local residents in late January. Dates will be confirmed as soon as possible. We really hope as many residents as possible will come to visit, not only to see the end result but also to share your thoughts and ideas about how the Hub can best serve the needs of the local community in future.

Warm wishes to everyone for the Christmas season!

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