

The WiNSpace News

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Project update - April 2023.

It has now been six months since our last newsletter and a year since we obtained planning, and a further update on the WiNSpace project is long overdue. As a recap we want to create a brand new multi-functional Centre in Winscombe to replace three old annexes and to refurbish the old school building.

In the last year we have been reaching out and exploring possible funding streams. We have looked at local & national grants, asked questions about additional council funding, talked to individuals & businesses and examined other ways of raising funds or reducing building costs. However, as you can imagine, the current cost of living crisis is making our targets slower and harder to achieve.



We need your help to make it happen

Urgently!

At this stage we NEED to engage with many more local businesses to see if they can help financially or materially with this once-in-a-lifetime project. Therefore, if you run a business locally or are an individual able to be a significant catalyst to help make this project happen, we would love to hear from you - just use the QR code to make contact.



What has happened to build costs in this current climate - a further update!

We have recently gone back to our Architects and requested a more detailed cost estimate. This should be available by the end of May and will provide us with a detailed picture of current costs. The original estimate for the build, which was produced in May 2020, was £2.15M. However, looking at the latest ONS construction index it shows that since May 2020 to the end of 2022 construction costs of 'public buildings' have increased by 16%, therefore our original estimation should now read £2.5M. This is a large amount and as well as updating costs, we are asking our Architects for options on how this amount can be reduced.



Coronation Celebration Competition - 6 May

Visit our stall at the afternoon Coronation celebrations on the field. We have a Lego model of the new building. Imagine yourself using the Centre and guess how many bricks have been used in the model. There's a free bag of sweets for everyone who provides an estimate and a £50 prize donated by Chew Valley Gas & Oil Ltd

We're at the Winscombe's Coronation Celebration on the Saturday 6 May so please come and talk to us and hear first-hand where we are with the WiNSpace project and see if you can win £50 just by counting Lego bricks.

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