

Hello everyone

It is more than time for an **update** regarding progress on the Access Project.

As many if not most of you will have seen, **the first phase of the building work has been completed**, with the complete refurbishment and adaptation of the toilet facilities. If not already, we hope you will go and inspect (if not use..) the premises and see the excellent work that has been done. An unexpected but very welcome consequence of this part of the work was to restore the corridor wall to its original stonework which has totally transformed the area between the church and the hall. **The second phase** namely the construction of the ramp and metal handrail outside church will take place during October, with particular attention paid to trying to preserve the current porch motif. The final stage will be the delivery and installation of the internal stair lift in Trinity Hall and the necessary modifications to the door leading out into the garden. As things stand, we can safely say we are “half way there ” and expect the work to be completed around mid November with a visit from the authorities to sign-off on project compliance in December.

With regards the **various events** that were held as part of the inclusiveness and the “coming –together” objectives of the project, feedback from those who attended the Poppadoms and Promises gala evening, the “Messiah Night” and the Peter & the Wolf concert has been unanimously positive. These were wonderful moments of shared enjoyment as a community. The suggestion was made that we could do an annual event on the lines of the Gala Evening and Auction of Promises. Given the work involved in the organization that may be a challenge, but it is certainly food for thought going forward.

And finally in terms of **the appeal itself**, whether by design or coincidence we can also say that we are “halfway there”. For a total project cost of €95 000, over €47 000 has been raised from a combination of donations and the above mentioned events (including €10 000 from the Gala Evening and Auction of Promises). So this is the opportunity once again to **SAY A MASSIVE THANK YOU to those who have contributed**, either by making a direct financial contribution or by helping in the organization of the fund-raisers (and in many cases both!). **What incredible generosity you have all displayed!**

Our intention is to keep the project appeal open until the end of the year with the firm objective of keeping the call on our reserves to a strict minimum (since various other necessary work on the church and grounds infrastructure is already being planned). Already 36 families have made a direct financial donation and we continue to receive enquiries and questions. So if you do feel moved to help us with this project and have not up until now found the time or opportunity to do so, **it is certainly not too late!!** Please do not hesitate to ask Francis or I for further details.

The PMR Project Steering Committee