

Building St Andrew's Community Hub

First, may I start by wishing you and your families a much better and brighter 2021. And I have great news. We now have identified just over £200,000 of funding and are about £40,000 away from being able to start the building work on our Community Hub. My particular thanks this time go to Simon Cooper, Bill Sharp, Mick Vann and Chris Peat for volunteering to gather donations from our 'Buy a Brick' campaign. My thanks, too, to all of you who have donated so far. I have put up some leaflets around Carlton on Buy a Brick, though I and our volunteers would be happy to answer any questions you may have. I will also update the Funding Thermometer on the parish noticeboard outside St Andrew's as we get closer to our funding target.

Sadly, there is still mixed news on funding from charitable organisations. As sources of funding are dwindling because Covid projects are being prioritised by many and, as I understand it, a lack of return on their investments, many charities no longer have any funds to give out. However, the better news is that at the end of November we received a large donation from the Bernard Sunley Foundation to help us achieve the £200,000 milestone.

At this critical stage of our project, we would be very grateful if you decided to support the development of our Hub by making a donation to the project, either through Buy a Brick or direct to our charity, the Friends of St Andrew's. In either case I would be happy to pass your donation on.

I hope the next time I write I will be able to tell you that we have started building or are about to start. Fingers crossed! If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me, either around and about in Carlton, or at rgarnold1@gmail.com

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