

AGM Report March 2025: Buildings

Harbury Village Library Heating Project

The installation of the new heating system is now complete and the old radiators etc have been removed. We are slowly getting to grips with the new system, and we are monitoring costs. HVL would like to thank Ed Wilson who project managed its installation and all of the other volunteers who helped along the way.

Early stages of the project started in late 2022 defining the project scope and then obtaining quotes in 2023. This was followed by a fundraising exercise which concluded in 2024.

The installation involving 4 main contractors was planned as a six-month programme from the start of July 2024 with an expectation that it would complete at the end of December 2024. The start date targeted the school holidays to carryout works in the closed pre-school for two weeks. During the holidays the library prefers to be open for children's extracurricular activities. The Library and Café was closed for 3 weeks work after the holidays. In both cases the work was successfully completed within the planned periods.

Completion had to wait for National Grid and the energy supplier to install the 3-phase cable and metering (at their own pace) including a road closure.

Ultimately the installation was complete in mid-January 2025 significantly under budget. The project team was stood down in early February having completed the works successfully. At which time, the weather was particularly cold which provided a good test of the system. As a result, some minor improvements will be carried out in the pre-school offices.

Our grateful thanks go to the grantors and various volunteers who made this project possible. Harbury now has a reliable, warm and welcoming space that can be enjoyed by the pre-school children of the village as well as the wider community.

Fund Raising

We are currently fundraising for new IT equipment including three computers, a monitor, two computer tables, a privacy screen and an LCD screen. The computers will be available for the public to use and the LCD screen will be used for displaying events and other information about what's on at the library and café as well as other events around the village.

Face Lift

The next significant project will for to give Harbury Village Library a bit of a face lift with new decoration both inside and out and a new sign at the front of the building.

General Maintenance

On-going maintenance and repairs are never ending but we are keeping on top of things with thanks to our brilliant volunteers