



1st Lavington Sea Scouts Executive Committee are starting a public consultation on the future of the Scout Hall building at 44 High Street.

We would welcome local residents and other interested parties to visit us at the hall to give their views:

Saturday 12th June between 10.00 and 12.00

Sunday 13th June between 10.00 and 12.00

Sunday 20th June between 10.00 and 12.00

Tours of the building will be available if Covid restrictions allow, as well as the results of the recent access survey undertaken by the group.

If you wish to comment you could also email treasurer.lavington@midwiltshirescouts.org.uk

**Market Lavington & Easterton
Church & Community News June 2021**

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This year we have a theme of “Fun for All”

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The open day is a great day out and will raise funds for NGS charities such as Marie Curie as well as our nominated local charities, the West Lavington Youth Club, and The Nestling Trust.

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Currently the churches at West Lavington, and Easterton are open for private prayer on Wednesday afternoons, 1 pm to 4 pm, and Sunday mornings 9 am to 12 noon. This leaves 72 hours between open sessions.

Market Lavington is currently closed to allow maintenance and repair work to be done.

Great Cheverell Church is open every day from 10 am to 4 pm unless closed for cleaning and maintenance.

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"We are also planning more Veteran self-build projects this year, with our next scheme in Plymouth due to break ground in the next couple of months. This gives Armed Forces Veterans who have become homeless a chance to build a home for themselves and their loved ones to live in. This not only provides a roof over their head but allows them to develop new skills which may lead to building trade employment and most importantly rebuilds their self-belief once more."

Market Lavington & Easterton Church and Community News

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Fridays and the last Thursday of the month are the Rector's days off.

The office is now open twice a week,

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Church Wardens

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Changes in how marriages are registered

The way marriages are registered in England and Wales has just changed on 4th May 2021, when The Civil Partnerships, Marriages and Deaths (Registration Etc) Act came into force. A single electronic marriage register has been created, replacing handwritten registers. So what does this mean for our parishes?

Wiltshire's Revd Catherine Blundell writes with her view:

As if a pandemic isn't difficult enough, the government has chosen this year to change the way marriages are registered in England. This is of insignificance for most people however, for those of us who have spent hours nervously writing the names, addresses, occupations, and other information about a couple to be married into the registers, it will be a poignant moment. From the 4th of May our marriage registers have to close.

In England, registering what are now called 'Life Events' was done only by the church until 1837. However, in the early 1800s, Parliament realised that if they wanted to accurately tax or count the population, or pressgang men to fight, they ought to know a bit more about what was going on. Thus, was born a hybrid of both church registration for baptisms, confirmation, marriages, and deaths alongside a civil registration process of births, marriages, and deaths.

Ever since then clergy have had to master the art of recording marriages in registrar's ink and trying not to blot, smudge or misspell entries into what was now a legal document.

It was also supposed to be done in a very formal way. For example, the registers were supposed to be written up after the couple had married. This would have meant the 'Signing of the Registers' part of the marriage service would take most of the afternoon unless we sneakily filled them in ahead of time.

Thankfully, the marriage service remains unchanged. The bride can still walk down the aisle, the best man can fumble with the rings and there is even a moment to sign the new 'Marriage Document'. This is a boring A4 sized printed piece of paper, but the couples can still pose with pen in hand while the photographer rounds up their nearest and dearest for a formal photo.



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Sunday services in June will be Zoom service at 10.00 am and one Holy Communion at 11.00 am.

Services in the churches will be under COVID-19 restrictions, masks worn please, hand sanitiser and social distancing and attendance subject to booking in advance by phone 01380 816963, please.

Date	Time	Place	Service
Sunday 6 th June	10.00 am	Zoom	Trinity 1 Common Worship Holy Communion
	11.00 am	St Mary's Market Lavington	
Sunday 13 th June	10.00am	Zoom	Trinity 2 Common Worship Holy Communion
	11.00am	All Saints' West Lavington	
Sunday 20 th June	10.00am	Zoom	Trinity 3 Common Worship Holy Communion
	11.00am	St. Barnabas Easterton	
Sunday 27 th June	10.00am	Zoom	Trinity 4 Simple Celebration Holy Communion
	11.00am	St. Peters Great Cheverell	

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We are making the most of this momentous time to prayerfully consider how post lockdown church will be, so watch this space for further information about our intention to ask you for your views.

If you have any enquiries about our church feel free to contact either the minister or secretary. Details are as follows :-

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Under 6 – Training still Saturdays 9-10am. Players gaining confidence every week. U6s have first match coming up v Pewsey on 22nd May. Now looking for new players from 4 years old.

Under 7's – Learning week by week. Looking for more girls to start a new girls team.

Under 8's Now training Tuesday nights with matches going well with some exciting games. Up coming matches v Castle Combe, Melksham and Corsham. Looking forward to tournaments.

Under 9/10's – Holding their own in matches and enjoying their training. Still looking for more players of any ability.

Under 11's – Some great performances recently against bit town teams. The team is getting stronger, have increased squad numbers all of whom have bedded in well.

Will play a number of friendlies through June.

Under 13's – Maintained their excellent league form. Still unbeaten they are top of the table heading into the last two matches including what is likely to be a title decider vs Chippenham on 23rd May.

Under 14's – Despite many injuries managing to stay 4th in league with up and down results. Had some big matches v Bath City and Frome Town.

Under 15's – Playing some excellent football with two great away results recently. Hoping to break squad into two teams and looking for coach to join and manage a team. Also looking to increase the number of players for teams.

Club Secretary fundraising update – Lighter nights and hope of runs in towns and cities soon. Now completed 9 runs at the time of writing (15th). Vicky is raising funds for a Secondary Cancer charity during the year has new target of 26 10K runs this year. Please look at the story on <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/VickyGoddard2>

Team Contacts for 2020/21 Season:

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Whenever you try to help a species/group in your garden, the principal considerations are to provide food, shelter and safety. Leaving out food for garden birds and encouraging birds to nest by offering suitable nesting sites, including trees and hedges, are great ways to invite nature into your garden. Creeping plants on walls and tree trunks also offer excellent cover. A bird bath can have a hugely positive impact for local birds - providing both drinking water and a bathing area. For detailed tips on Gardening for Biodiversity: <https://laois.ie/wp-content/uploads/Garden-Wildlife-Booklet-WEB-17MB.pdf>

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The Office of National Statistics has today (13/05) released the figures for the 12 months leading up to December 2020, which shows the Force had the lowest crime rate in the country last year.



Despite the decrease in overall crime there were still some crime types that saw an increase in the previous 12 months:

An increase in hate crime of 26% was recorded, with disability hate crime increasing by 53%, sexual orientation 67% and racial by 26%.

Domestic abuse related crimes increased by 10%, with exceptional high volumes recorded last summer as we moved out of the first lockdown.

Stalking and Harassment offences jumped by 15% after the Force changed the way in which it recorded offences and improved confidence from the public to report offences.

Chief Executive of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC), Kieran Kilgallen said: "Whilst the overall reduction in crime is welcome, the increases in recorded hate crime and domestic abuse remain a concern."

"We are also seeing a slight reduction in outcomes for domestic abuse offences and the OPCC continues to work with the Force to improve these. Part of this work includes the introduction of a domestic abuse arrest scrutiny panel to identify areas of improvement and ensure that offenders are dealt with appropriately."

"We know that victims of domestic abuse have been trapped at homes with their abusers over the past year, so an increase was sadly inevitable, but I suspect that this is only part of the picture in Wiltshire."

"There will be many more victims suffering in silence who have been unable to report their abuse for a number of reasons and at the heart of the work our office delivers is commissioning specialist support for the victims affected by crimes, and that includes victims who report to the police, and those who don't."

Unsurprisingly, with stores being closed shoplifting reports saw a significant reduction of 48% and with people spending more time at home than before domestic burglaries also dropped by 35%.

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Best wishes

Barbara Gompels Secretary WHO

P.S. Please do visit our new look website at www.WhiteHorseOpera.co.uk

Hello Monday Club members,

Time is merrily moving along, and the country is starting to meet up again. Our Garden Tea Party is booked for the 21st June 2021 in Sue Wards Garden (weather permitting).

Please RSVP me (Jo) by 14th June 2021. I can be reached on 07936278533.

The Community Hall did open its doors on the 17th of May, but had to still apply strict rules re Covid-19 meaning the kitchen was still out of bounds. It is not anticipated that this will be open until the 21st June. We are booked for our first indoor meet on 5th July.

Stay Safe Jo Perkins Club Leader - Monday Club

Planning Applications

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PL/2021/03266 Former pig rearing building, Stobberts Agricultural Buildings, Stobberts Road, Certificate of lawfulness for the proposed use of former pig rearing building and the land within its curtilage for class B8 (storage and distribution)

PL/2021/03416 5 Francis Rd. Alterations and extension of existing garage to provide a 2 storey side extension, comprising ground floor garage & store, first floor bedroom/office. Demolition of existing conservatory to make way for a single storey rear extension.

PL/2021/04176 25 White Street, Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area.

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PL/2021/04247, 24 Haywards Place, 8 x Ash trees - cut back overhang

PL/2021/04589 11 White Street, T1 - To remove a large holly tree which is very close to an outbuilding on my property. It has outgrown its location and developed a lean towards the building. New growth around the base of the tree will remain and be allowed to grow..

PL2021/03243 Fiddington Farm, Variation of Condition 3 of 16/10667/FUL (Construction of new equestrian facilities - stables, open barn, office, grooms' flat, horse walker and outdoor arena.) to read The occupation of the dwelling shall be limited to a person solely and mainly working, or last working, in the locality in the business occupying the plot edged red on the attached plan, or a widow or widower of such a person, and any resident dependents.

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Now Nicky is going to leave us and sail away pursuing new dreams. Please will everyone whose lives have been touched by Nicky call in say good bye between now and June 18th.

I don't know who is taking over at The Green Dragon, but I hope that they will continue in Steve and Nicky's footsteps.

There is an old tradition of customers drinking the pub dry before a change of landlord. I'm sure that a team of customers are already planning this attempt as we move out of lockdown.

Colin Osborn, Chair, Market Lavington Parish Council



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number sequences, properties of numbers and have completed investigations concerning 2D and 3D shapes. In our topic work, we have been learning all about the world, especially understanding longitude and latitude, the equator, and the Northern and Southern hemispheres. We have taken the children on a journey around the world and have been finding out about some interesting continents and countries. We are truly inspiring our children to explore the wider world. Please remember that we regularly arrange 'Rags2riches' collections from our school and this is a great way for our school to raise money. If you are having a clear out of unwanted clothing, paired shoes, soft toys, towels, bedding and household linen please do drop it in to us.

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St. Barnabas School

It has been so lovely to all be in school for a whole term! With (some) sunshine and spring flowers surrounding us we have enjoyed a busy term of learning and fun. This term we have been delighted to welcome Josh and Maisie from Potterne Cricket Club to help the children with their cricket and we have also been lucky to have PH coaching support the children with their tennis. We have continued our contact with Market Lavington Care Home with weekly zoom calls between our pupils and the residents, we are really hoping that we can start to visit in person very soon as this relationship has been enjoyed by everyone involved.

In Term 5, in our Nursery Class, our theme has been ‘Under the Sea’ and this has seen much creativity and water play. We have been reading books about the seaside, dressing up and painting. All our new starters have settled in beautifully and become part of our lovely school community very quickly.

In Sarum Class (Reception) the children have been reading the book ‘The Little Red Hen’ and getting inspired to start their own story writing. We have also been consolidating our phonics and number knowledge. Every week Sarum Class enjoy a full Forest School session in our natural wooded area where we have made bird feeders using pine cones and we have also made shelters and obstacle courses. Sarum Class are also excitedly watching the progress of our new playground, if you would like to see updates on the progress of our new playground you can see the full story so far here - <https://sway.office.com/0qCmv0tJaAleUHKU?ref=Link>

In Silbury Class (Years 1 & 2) we have been writing persuasive letters and using the book ‘The Day the Crayons came Home’ to support us with our exaggeration and rhetorical questions in the art of persuasion. In Geography we have been learning about our world, the different countries that make up the United Kingdom and the continents and oceans in the world. We have enjoyed turning the classroom into a train and then a plane to travel the globe. In Science we have been talking about the different plants and flowers that grow around us and what are the essentials that plants need to grow; we then went on to grow some cress. Our R.E. lessons have initiated many conversations about how our beliefs influence the things we do, and we have specifically looked at Judaism and made our own Mezuzahs out of salt dough.

In Savernake Class (Years 3 & 4) we have been on an imaginary plane ride to Pompeii in Italy where we watched Mount Vesuvius erupt and thought about how this might have happened! We have been using the story ‘Fowler’s Yard’ to help us with our descriptive writing techniques and in art we have been learning about printing and we have made impressed prints and raised prints, and rubbings of natural materials. In RE our big question is ‘Why do some people think life is a journey’ where we thought about our lives as journeys and compared this to the life journey of a Christian.

In Stonehenge Class (Years 5 & 6) we have had an exciting start to our summer term. Our literacy learning has focused on planning and writing exciting narratives using features of suspense writing. We are using a Talk for Writing model text called ‘Kidnapped’ to inspire us and the children have created some amazing pieces of narrative writing. In our Maths work this term, we have solved problems involving

A Letter sent to the Parish Council

Remember Covid 19

Since the introduction of the Covid vaccination programme for our population we have seen a dramatic reduction in the number of Hospital cases and deaths. There is no doubt that this pandemic, like world wars and other occasions of major social upheaval, will go down in our history books.

I feel, therefore it should be remembered within our community, not by constructing a cross, but by having 19 landmarks around our parish, each one being identified and marked. It could be a bench seat in a quiet area, or at a viewpoint, a raised bed of flowers, an area of attractive shrubs against a bank, the decorated telephone kiosks, a sculpture, etc., totaling 19. Each location could be identified with a numbered plaque and leaflets could be designed, printed and left at local shops to enable people to visit them. Perhaps it would be a good idea to have the locations situated so that they form a circular route of a few miles around the Parish. More importantly the community could walk the route annually on the 23rd March – the anniversary of the Country’s 1st lockdown in 2020.

I would like to see this idea becoming a project involving the whole of our community. Clearly there will be the need to have a nucleus of people willing to steer it and oversee the locations, say 4 – 6 people. Initially the idea could be floated within the community via the village Facebook and the Parish Magazine asking for volunteers to stand on the committee, to offer financial support, materials, physical help etc., and offering ideas of locations and features.

I feel it would be beneficial to obtain the views from all the village groups including youths groups, schools, W.I., various clubs to name a few.

I would also like to suggest that at a prominent location in the village a plaque could be placed to remember the pandemic. It could be inscribed with the names of the villagers who have died, also the members of the community who have gone above and beyond their work to help others survive through the troubled months.

It would be wrong to suggest that a project of this size and importance would not have any financial implications, but by bringing it to the community we may receive donations to support the locations and the purchase of plaques.

To finalise, I would like to encourage the community to think positively regarding this idea. I feel the pandemic is not an occasion which should be forgotten in a few years. We should try to keep the community spirit which has shown through recently because of the pandemic and create the 19 lasting creations for everyone to visit and enjoy.

Stewart Sidebottom

If you are interested in joining Stewart and the Parish Council, to make this happen, please contact Carol, The Clerk to the Parish Council. If you are an artist interested in seeing your work in a public place, the owner of a bit of land that could be used, or any other skill or interest, you will be made most welcome.

May 6th 2021 Referendum and Election Results

Market Lavington Neighbourhood Plan

Number of votes yes = 529

Number of votes no = 117

Turnout 39.72%

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Turn out 43.82%

Mr Jenkinson, Andrew Norman	Liberal Democrats	193	
Mr Lee, Matthew James Bowman	Labour Party	120	
Mr Muns, Dominic Rafael Miguel	The Conservative Party	935	Elected
Ms Gilpin, Diane Mary	The Green Party	322	

Police and Crime Commissioner

Turnout 39.13%

Candidate	Description	Votes	
Mr Ali, Junab	Labour and Co-operative Party	34,147	
Mr Malins, Julian Henry	Reform UK	4,348	
Mr Oubridge, Brig	Green Party	16,606	
Mr Rees, Mike	Independent	31,722	
Mr Seed, Jonathon	The Conservative Party Candidate	84,885	Elected
Webster, Liz	Liberal Democrats	35,013	

E-mail to the Parish Clerk

Dear Carol,

Very many congratulations on achieving such a good Referendum result on a day when the fact of voting was under everyone's noses and it would have been so easy loose the thing.

If I may say, notwithstanding how people think local government is creaking at the knees, it is to the great credit of Market Lavington Parish Council and the sub committee that the thing has been seen through to the result requested.

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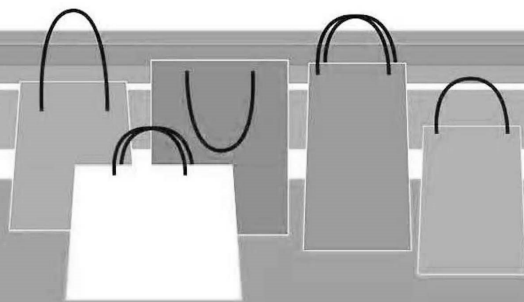
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Chairman's report to the Market Lavington Annual Parish Meeting on 27th April 2021, a summary.

Each year the Chair of the Council has to prepare a report on the actions of the Parish Council over the previous year. This has been an odd year because we haven't met face to face in 12 months. All our meetings were held over Zoom and it has allowed us to see a little bit of each other's private lives.

The Old School has been closed for a year and the cleaner has been on furlough. During this time the area around the back has continued as a popular venue for small meetings, and the CCTV cameras provided evidence that ensured that repair costs were borne by the families of the people causing the damage.

In April the new website was in place, and councillors had council e-mail addresses, to ensure that council, personal and magazine e-mails were kept formally separate. A new Facebook page was set up to disseminate information passed to the Council. Following a video comment on Youtube from a villager about the problems he had knowing when the Elisha Field would be closing, the council changed the closing time from dusk to sunset

This time last year we started looking for a site for allotments and a community orchard. We still do not have a site, but discussions with landowners have been held and we continue to look for land to buy.

We now have a speed indicator device on Spin Hill. Most drivers are sensible and while it has been there, the proportion of drivers passing it at legal speeds has increased, though some pass at far higher speeds. Information about speeds and times are passed to Wiltshire Police.

We have had reports about footpaths blocked by fences, overgrown paths, and flooded paths. The land owner who fenced off a path has been visited by Wiltshire Council which is providing a stile, the landowner who flooded a path is being contacted by Easterton Parish Council and our handyman and our contractor has kept other paths clear. The latest footpath news is a request for an archaeological dig on a footpath. Lights have been fitted on 2 paths to make them safer at night. The railings along the Muddle are going to be replaced, and we are looking at options before putting the work out to tender. A tender has been accepted for repairs to the fence by the village green car park, but work has yet to start.

Wiltshire Council paid for repairs to the Broadwell Car Park due to a blocked drain lifting the tarmac, and after years of complaining, the footpath on the south side of Church street has been repaired. We continue to lobby to get Church Street repaired, and now The Spring has been added to the list of roads that have dangerous potholes.

We have joined with other local councils to lobby for works to be done to Black Dog Crossroads to make it safer. In the last few weeks a report was produced for Wiltshire Council, with proposals for improvements. The representatives of local parish councils will meet together in June to jointly decide on a preferred solution.

We have given our support to plans for a railway station in Urchfont, but we have failed to get tipping and burning stopped at the top of Spin Hill, and a footpath on Ledge Hill. These are things that the new council will have to consider.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT FROM THE ANNUAL EASTERTON PARISH MEETING HELD ON 19TH APRIL 2021, a summary

The Councillors took the opportunity to thank Parish Councillor Bob Bulson for 14 years service as the Easterton Flood Warden and 12 years’ service as a Parish Councillor. We commended him for all his endeavours and many hours spent walking up and down the stream, conversing with the Environment Agency and devotion to the Parish Council.

Because of the strange circumstances that we endured since March 2020 this report must, effectively, cover the two years since the last Parish Meeting in April 2019. Much has changed in these two years although, the monthly attention to planning applications, rights of way complications, street scene care by our Parish Steward, ongoing maintenance by our Parish Gardener, and the monitoring of Easterton Brook, remain firm facts of life to keep your Parish Councillors well occupied.

Cllr. Anthony Snook was co-opted in June 2019 and rapidly became industrious in all things Parish Steward, Parish Gardener and later the boomCast system used for disseminating important council information to the village. The rapid adoption of the boomCast system under the guidance of Cllr. Victoria Turner and her husband Jonathan greatly assisted the roll-out of Covid-19 volunteer support systems, and a stream of important lock-down information collated by Cllrs. Judy Boyt and Anthony Snook, whose continued close involvement with the electronic Echoes is remarkable.

In August 2019 our parish clerk Susan Deegan retired after 30 years service with her place being taken by Gillian Tatum, just in time to undertake the unenviable task of overseeing the adoption of Governance documents including GDPR Compliance.

April 2020 your council met using Zoom for the first time, in place of the planned Annual Parish Meeting. This meeting was a sombre occasion where we gathered in silence in memory of our then recently deceased Covid victim Cllr Andy Fuller.

Cllr. Richard Brooks was co-opted in May 2020 quickly getting to grips with Governance procedures and also tackling rights of way issues.

Our new Parish Council website was officially launched on 1st July and has proved highly successful under the control of our Parish Clerk Gillian Tatum.

Cllr. Victoria Turner resigned in August after 5 years. Victoria was also introduced our latest Cllr. Sarah Bates, who has been monitoring the Children’s Play Area and looking after the interests of the fast growing housing development in Strawberry Fields.

Our newest Cllr. Andy Colley from Eastcott is investigating the possible development and introduction of Ultrafast Broadband for our community.

I have to mention the Vice-Chairman Cllr. Ben Myerscough who has been keeping a close eye on all matters financial, quite apart from actively engaging with all the other day to day issues in the Council where his input is much appreciated.

The final word must be to thank our Wiltshire Cllr, and Wiltshire Council Leader, Philip Whitehead who has guided us throughout his tenure as Cllr. For Urchfont and the Cannings Division. Easterton is now set to return to the Lavingtons Division under a new Wiltshire Cllr. to be elected on Election Day, May 6th 2021 so please use your vote.

Dear Villagers, Update about Market Lavington Museum

We hope you are well, staying safe and looking forward to hopefully meeting friends and family as we come out of LockDown 3.0?

The Museum Board of Trustees met on Friday 26th March 2021 to discuss the Market Lavington Museum.

In November 2020 we were advised by our insurers to carry out a structural survey of the building. It was clear that as the Museum became more successful, we had attracted a large number of heavy artifacts. Considering the Museum was originally built as a two up two down house in 1845 without bathrooms etc we should be careful not to overload the floors. Additionally, there is visual evidence that the rear wall of the building was built directly on top of a garden wall which does not have foundations.

We employed a Structural Engineer to complete this task. He was concerned about the flexibility in the first-floor joists due to the weight that was sitting on them. He devised a first-floor support system consisting of steel beams and posts which will be encased in timber. We also need to repair a crack in the wall which has opened up in the upstairs storeroom.

We are currently obtaining quotes from local builders, to make the building fit for purpose. Once we have these, we will be applying for appropriate grants as the total cost is likely to be beyond our current resources. As we receive updates, we will keep you informed.

At this time, we are not sure if we will reopen this year or not.

Many thanks for your patience during these unusual times.

We will still be publishing museum blogs, and these can be accessed by visiting:

<https://marketlavingtonmuseum.wordpress.com/>

If you have any questions or feel you can assist us in any way please contact me by email on: michaelbedford01@gmail.com

Or give me a call on 01380 848816.

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The Elisha Field Closing Times

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