

CASE STUDY: ST JOHN'S HALL, MEADOWFIELD

Background

St John's Hall, based in Meadowfield near Durham, was built in 1911 and used over the years for a variety of activities including a dance school and Brownies and Guide groups. It is based next to the church and also used for many church related activities. Unfortunately, in March 2014 it was completely destroyed by an arson attack and plans are underway to build a brand new community building. This is a very complex, time consuming project involving the insurance claim, proving ownership of land, gaining necessary planning permissions and raising funds for the new hall.



Support from DCA

Various members of the DCA Community Support team have worked alongside the committee since 2016. Support has included providing advice and guidance on their governance and subsequently registration as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), initial advice on their complex land situation and signposting to more specialist advice when needed. DCA have also suggested potential funding streams to the committee and recently the treasurer has joined our Share and Learn Network and regularly attends the meetings. They have also sought advice on volunteering and their fundraising committee were recognised at the 2017 DCA Volunteering Celebration event.



" DCA have been a great help in helping us set up as a CIO, and finding and appointing trustees. Joining the network is a great way to meet other likeminded people and share ideas. DCA have proved a valuable service and we would recommend them."
Lesley Baxter, Treasurer

