

**ST JOHNS
COMMUNITY CENTRE
2024-2025
REFURBISHMENT PROJECT**



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& Penistone Town Council

**NEW BOILER REPLACEMENT
ASBESTOS REMOVAL
BUILDING RECONFIGURATION & REFURBISHMENT
NEW FIRE ESCAPES AND L1 FIRE SYSTEM**





THE STORY SO FAR!

St Johns Community Centre has had little consistent development over the last 35 years. At best a scattergun approach of remedial works as and when required, which has now left the building tired out of date and in desperate need of attention.

It no longer met public building regulations requirements for safety. We were therefore left with two options; close the centre down or get it back up to the required building specifications.

THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT WE DID!

Based on the building's current use the whole centre required a comprehensive joined-up suite of works to ensure the building was fully compliant. Safe for use and fit for purpose being our priority, ensuring the space was future proofed for the use of our community for many more years to come.



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**"FUTURE PROOFING PROJECT
FOR THE SJCC"**



And “SNOW” it begins

The snow arrives in true Penistone form.

Smashing our way through inches of compacted ice! Garry, Chris and the Clerk make a path so the buildings team can access the site and begin the works.



Lower Hall.

SJCC ASBESTOS REMOVAL



ASBESTOS AREAS REMOVED HISTORY REVEALED



Beams exposed above. The office stud wall fitted back in early noughties blocking light out in the lower hall and making the hall space smaller. Original upper partition wall with original glass still in place.

ASBESTOS AREAS REMOVED HISTORY REVEALED



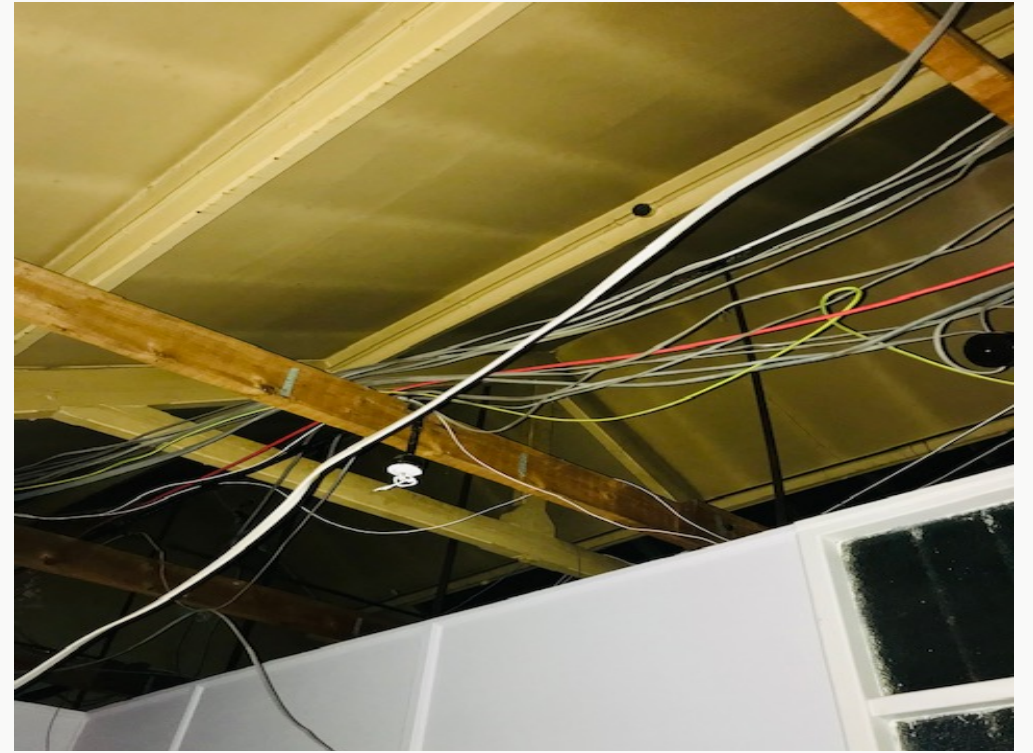
Lower Hall partitioning wall to offices removed later. Original partition from when built in late c19th century with original glass can be seen above.

ASBESTOS AREAS REMOVED LOWER HALL HISTORY REVEALED



Old skylights and beams can be seen. Water cistern in the apex above the old Clerks office.

Lower Hall Phase 1 begins



Lower Hall caretaker's space along with a plethora of old and new service cable and old metal conduit for old lighting.

ASBESTOS AREAS REMOVED HISTORY REVEALED



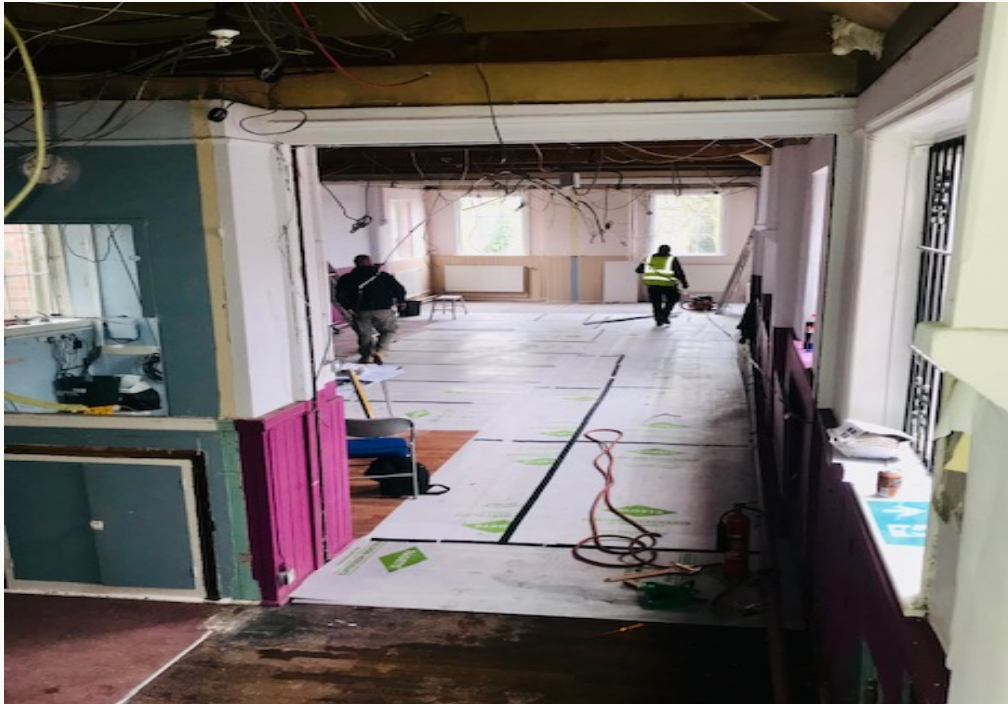
Penistone Town Council offices facing Town Clerk's old office with ceiling removed and cables exposed.

ASBESTOS AREAS REMOVED PHASE 1 GETS UNDERWAY



Caretaker's space and reveal of old internal windows into classrooms / the old PTC offices and kitchen in the lower hall entrance from the Clerk's office, which is now the new boiler room, awaiting new fireproof stud doors.

KEY ASBESTOS AREAS REMOVED PHASE 1 GETS UNDERWAY



Lower Hall/caretaker's room/wall now removed to create a new corridor into what was the old storage room A. New area opened out to make way for the new fire escape area and lobby.

ASBESTOS AREAS REMOVED PHASE 1 GETS UNDERWAY



Lower Hall/ caretaker's room / new plant room with low energy condensing boiler.

ASBESTOS AREAS REMOVED PHASE 1 GETS UNDERWAY



Main entrance being opened out and all the non-fire protective walls removed ready for new 30 minute to 1-hour protective stud walls.

ASBESTOS AREAS REMOVED PHASE 1 GETS UNDERWAY



Kitchen removal ready for a modern kitchen space / creation of new access to the old storage room A, from the other side.

PHASE 1 GETS UNDERWAY



New stud walls lower hall and framework for new ceiling in the lower hall.

PHASE 1

Lower Hall & Kitchen area



Kitchen area emptied ready for a replacement modern space/ Lower Hall aluminium lattice structure for new plaster work and insulation preparations begin.

PHASE 1

Lower Hall



Lower Hall new ceiling lattice structure work as a base for plaster boards and skimming.
Scaffolding ready for the ceiling replacement

PHASE 1

Creation of new access corridor



New entrance, differentials in floor heights between spaces newly exposed cause a headache. The old caretaker storage cupboard to be removed exposing an unsatisfactory wall behind requiring replacement.

PHASE 2 BEGINS

UPPER HALL



Upper Hall suspended ceiling removed exposing old roof and roof lights, beams and partition walls with original glass and 1950s hanging light.



Room A suspended ceiling removed original ceiling exposed and plaster issues revealed

PHASE 2

Toilets and hallway being developed



Old flooring being lifted ready for new light grey vinyl flooring in toilets and public entrance spaces.

PHASE 1 developing



All kitchen out new fire stud walls structures in and plaster boards up, old flooring ripped up ready for new kitchen and flooring.

The development moves up a pace as electrics, plaster board, skimming and key electrical finishes start to be added.



Caretakers room and hallway



New corridor and cupboards removed as well as a new fire wall added. A new ceiling added to the caretaker's room and structure for new ceiling and insulation in hallway.

LOWER HALL “THE END IS NEAR!” (ISH)



New plaster board attached to the aluminium trellis frameworks/ ceilings ready for skimming. Electrics for the new L1 fire alarm and LED lighting in place.

NEW BEGINNINGS

PENISTONE'S BANKING HUB



Whilst all the SJCC demolition work was well underway the Office team were also negotiating hard with the Post Office to ensure we could produce a plan to get a temporary banking hub back into Penistone. This was no easy feat and took several attempts, with a lot of meetings and relationship building. Once we had the go ahead, we had to then look at the management plan of the building and how it would impact on our work which continued behind the scenes throughout. We also had to move the caretakers AGAIN! into the SJCC centre.

NEW FIRE EGRESS



New Upper Hall fire doors punched through the exterior walls in the upper hall to meet new fire regulations and building compliancy. New pipe work for the heating system adapted for the new doorway.

Lower Hall & Main entrance



The plaster board have been skimmed and is drying off, then ready for a lick of paint, choosing neutral light and reflective colours to enhance the modern look of the new interior spaces.

Upper Hall Phase 2



Upper Hall lattice aluminium frame structure for the new suspend ceiling tiles and LED lighting. The new stud wall lobby/vestibule entrance area is now constructed.

External Seating area upgrade



Whilst the works continued inside SJCC the beautiful south facing seating area has been upgraded with new stone seats, a new weed membrane, new gravel added and planter upgrade from Springvale Community Gardens.

SJCC SEATING AREA DEVELOPED



New stone seats complimenting the stone slab with membrane and gravel. Instruction for the bin was also followed up and moved nearer to the TPT

EXTERNAL GARDEN / SEATING AREA



Old Community Centre steps used as seat toppers.

NEW DOORS / LIGHTING / PAINTWORK



Lower Hall lighting installed, completed insulated ceiling with a lick of paint / new chalk emulsion and gloss to the walls as well as new fire doors being hung.

Upper Hall Phase 2



New suspended ceiling and paintwork throughout the other rooms / new lobby area and cables for new alarm system and LED lighting.

Upper Hall Floor Sanding



Top layer floor sanding complete ready for a new coat of wax. Due to the original wood undulations not all wood could be reached with a light sand but it certainly gives it a more consistent fresh look and removes over 40 years of dirt stains and grime.

New hallway /fire escape created between both building levels



Old red floor lifted ready for lighter grey floor vinyl, stairways and fire escape included as well as new fire doors, new lighting and new insulated ceiling. All to meet new building regulations.

Getting ready for new flooring and some final touches.



Corridor created from the old caretaker's room into what was the old room A. Sanded Lower Hall floors. A smaller more appropriate caretakers room coming together.

Floors polished and vinyl's down



New kitchen, polished floors, vinyl in hallways and toilets and new lower hall fire door nearing completion to meet the specified building regulations.

New fire doors and floor signage



External floor signage and new doors to the external wall in the upper hall to meet new building requirements

SNAGGING! THE NEVER-ENDING STORY



An endless list of getting the minutia sorted now prevails, the new blinds are in the windows, (and there are a lot of them), these have now been cleaned inside and outside including the frames.

New management plans need to be drawn up, signage updated and replaced, fire information updated. New fire alarm call points enhanced plans, keys check and testing, as well as improving the storage, wifi, displays, new contracts for users, as well as showing clients around.

Changes in responsibility of use for safety in rental contracts and a million other matters behind the scenes.

This isn't an exhaustive list by any stretch of the imagination but what is exciting is these works has given SJCC another chance, a new lease of life!

A new era lays ahead of it which is exciting, and I am proud of the outcome!

We made a little go a long way for you - **ENJOY!**



Summary

June 2025

Bringing this building into the 21st century ensuring its compliancy and ultimately the focus around the health and safety requirements for the users was one of our key priorities.

The work, money and time that has gone into this refurbishment will hopefully ensure it is future proofed for years to come for the people of Penistone and its surrounding communities to enjoy.

The building has a fresh modern feel, new paintwork giving each space a blank canvas for you to dress and use:

- newly insulated ceilings in the lower portion of the building
- a new more efficient condensing boiler with remote monitoring
- removal of dangerous asbestos, a new kitchen in the lower hall
- replacement of tired sagging suspended ceilings in the Upper hall
- a new lobby space to keep spaces private, safe and warm
- new blinds
- new lower energy LED lighting
- new vinyl flooring
- a new rentable and accessible room with new ceiling sanded floor and painted again with new LED lighting
- finally new fire doors and fire plan layout with an L1 fire alarm system to ensure improved safety for users

Alongside this, an annual strategy of works will continue to be phased in on the building and regularly monitored so the fabric of the building's infrastructure is not neglected, hopefully ensuring wherever possible the community space will remain open by benefitting from a planned programme of maintenance works throughout the year.

ENJOY!

THANK YOU

for everyone's patience during this required closure for these essential works as well as a huge thank you to all of the PTC team/councillors who have worked tirelessly to bring this project together.



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SJCC refurbishment works timeline
November to June 24/25