

“Uses of these facilities will include community lunches, suppers and teas, an area for social gatherings and receptions, keep-fit and yoga classes, art and other exhibitions, other classes and concerts.”

Malcolm Lloyd

St. Mary's Appeal Committee (a sub-committee of Lythe Parochial Church Council)

Project:

Village hall facilities at St. Mary's Church, Sandsend

Subject:

Facilities and building improvements

Location:

Whitby, North Yorkshire

Overview:

£5000 was awarded to the Committee towards a wider project to refurbish St. Mary's Church to provide flexible multi-use village hall facilities for use by the community of Sandsend, a village which has not previously benefited from a community building.

The funding was used for the purchase of 70 multi-purpose collapsible chairs and 10 collapsible tables. Some of the existing church pews have been disposed of in order to create a permanent open space in the rear two thirds of the existing Nave, with additional space available by moving the remaining pews.

The refurbishment has been wholehearted supported by the local community and the new facilities will – as part of the wider renovation project – directly benefit the entire community of Sandsend by supporting many different village activities, strengthening social cohesion and relationships, encouraging health and physical activity, and bringing about a sense of communal well-being.

