

From the Reading Room Trustees and Shipton Parish Council

Dear Resident,

We are very pleased to have finally reached the point where the Reading Room project can move forward and provide the village with a modern fit for purpose community building. If we have your continued support we hope to be able to start the project in April next year and be completed by late summer!

The consultation in July gave the trustees a clear mandate to fully cost the Renovate and Extend option. The attached sheet summarises the projected costs, based on detailed costing, and suggests we have a loan funding requirement of £250,000 plus a £30,000 contingency. The Reading Room Trustees and the Parish Council would now like to ask for your support for a Public Works Loan which will provide the bulk of the required project funding.

To enable the Parish Council to apply for the loan it must demonstrate it has the support of the village for the project and the loan to fund the project. Ballot papers seeking that support are enclosed.

We are also hosting two drop in sessions in the Reading Room on Saturday 12th October. Please come along to discuss the project and the funding with the Reading Room Trustees and Parish Councillors.

The first session will be from 11.00am to 12.30 pm where we will be serving tea, coffee and cakes.

The second session will be from 6.30pm until 8pm when we will be serving wine, beer and soft drinks.

Voting Process

Please submit one ballot form per person in your household of voting age. If you need additional forms please either make copies of the included forms or download from the website. Forms may also be completed online and details will be sent out in an email.

If you need any more information or clarification please either email slivesey@clara.co.uk or shiptonparishcouncil@gmail.com or call 01242 821645