



Pardshaw Quaker Centre

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Our Vision

To develop and progress the vision of Pardshaw Quaker Centre as a resource for Quakers, other groups and the local community – a place for worship, relaxation, learning, fun, creative activities, or short breaks in simple, affordable accommodation, in a historical and peaceful setting.

The Workcamp this year ran from 13th – 22nd August, and an enormous amount of work got done! Accommodation for some was in tents in order to be covid-safe. Here are some highlights...



Holes, pipes, tubes and planting...

A safe hatch entry to the Schoolroom loft area was created, made where part of the ceiling came down some time ago. The roof timbers were treated with rot- and worm-prevention chemicals. Pipe insulation was added to some sections of copper water pipe in the schoolroom toilet.



The area by the main entrance door to the Meeting Rooms was cleared of weeds and tree stumps, and the drainpipe relocated on the other side of the wall. This area is now planted with daffodil bulbs and will also have snowdrop bulbs in due course.



have continuous very gentle background airflow to stop mould and damp.

Plaster and paint...

Attention was turned to the north wall of the Large Meeting Room, which had damaged and unsafe plaster. Plaster has deteriorated in that room after roof and guttering leaks which have now been repaired by local tradespeople. Two site meetings were held with a local heritage plastering contractor; we will be working on his advice and advice from the Conservation Officer. The walls to the kitchen and sleeping areas were repainted. Lots of filling and painting was done on the main building windows.



Wood looking good...

Quite a lot of the wood which was left around the burial ground following the tree surgeon's work has been moved/chopped, and is now stacked elsewhere. The wood store in stable block has been re-arranged with a lot of dry timber cut to appropriate lengths. This wood will be used to heat the wood-burning stove so it will be of direct benefit to visitors!



In the stables...

A hook has also been fitted to the stables door to ensure it can be held open. A solid ramp for the stable door entrance has been made to assist with wheelbarrowing items in and out.



Let there be light...

Emergency lighting was extended into the stables.

‘Bat protectors’ have been designed and installed over the two washbasins in the stable. They should solve the problem of bat droppings in the basins, and are designed to be easily removable.

Checking out...

The Schoolroom floor was investigated and we can now confirm it is not integral with any of the external walls.



Visitors

It is good to report that we had visitors dropping by during the course of the workcamp who took an interest in Pardshaw. (Interested visitors below or simply Pardshaw's getaway vehicle? Clarifications on a postcard, please...)

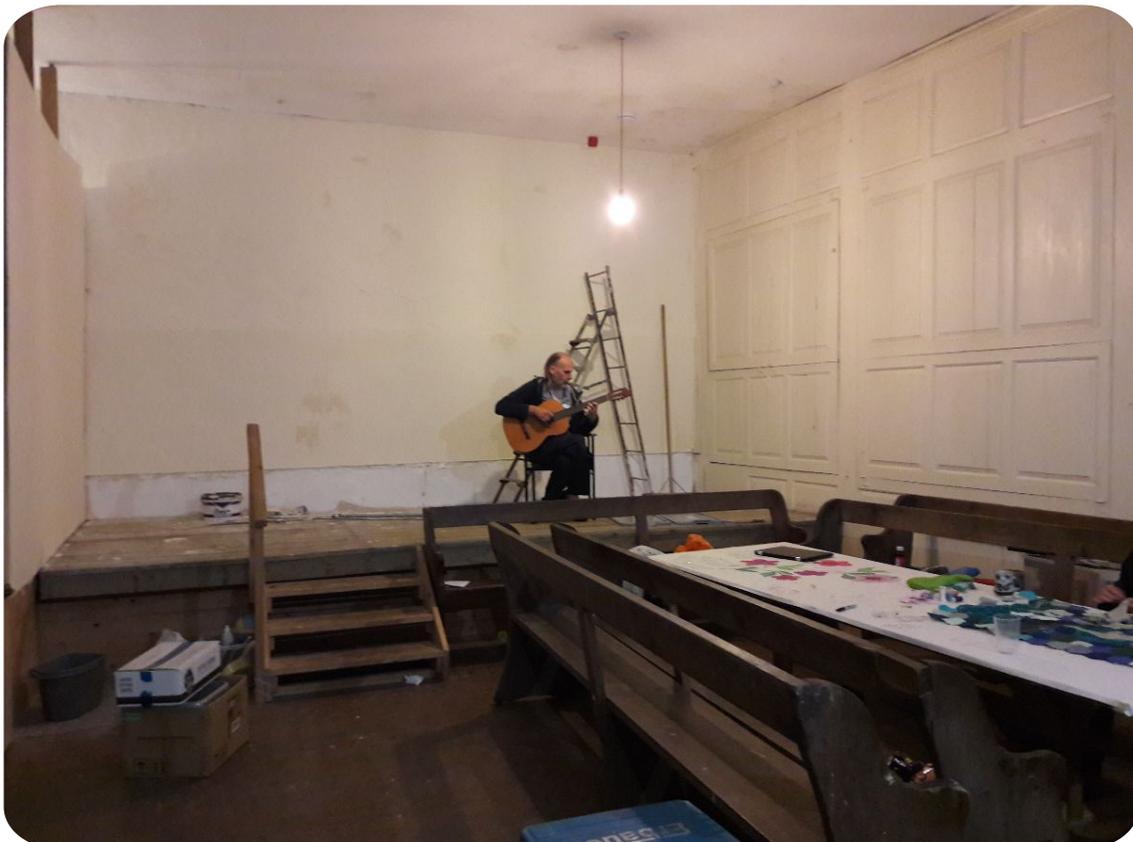




Close supervision of the work was in place at all times...

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[Pardshaw Video: take a look!](#)

Finally... here it is in all its glory! With huge thanks to all the contributors and the fantastic editor, Simon Sharp. It is available via the YouTube link below and the Pardshaw website.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4rP42ZYCaUs>



The video had its first showing, at the Groups Fair of Yearly Meeting Gathering (25th July). A mixture of old friends and new enquirers came to the 'première', we have already had some very positive feedback concerning it, including from non-Quakers - and it has gathered over 600 views so far on Facebook!

All feedback is welcome. We sincerely hope it will be useful as a means of

it as much as possible with any individuals and communities you think would be interested.

Website: reminders

On the 'About Us' page of the website, we have a section entitled 'Pardshaw Past and Present':

<https://pardshawquakercentre.org.uk/about/pardshaw-past-and-present/>

If you have a memory of a visit to Pardshaw, that you would like to share, please send it to us (with photos if possible) so that we can add it to that page of the website. Personal accounts are fascinating to read and show how Pardshaw is, and indeed has been for many years, such a special place to so many people.

Please also take a look at (and like!) our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/Pardshawquakercentre/>

Any contributions for the website should be sent to Chris Thomas at candcthomas@btinternet.com



Fundraising

We need to not only cover the essential running costs of Pardshaw, but also raise additional funds for the next phase of the Project. All donations, of whatever amount, are most welcome.

To make a donation, please either:

- make a bank transfer
- set up a standing order

- go to the new link on the website:

<https://pardshawquakercentre.org.uk/donate-now/>

- or make a cheque payable to 'Pardshaw Quaker Centre' and send to:

Dave Moll, 83, Main Street, Great Broughton, Cockermouth, Cumbria CA13 0YJ.

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