

## Tillage Hall Waterbeach

### Kitchen refurbishment

The kitchen at Tillage hall has been in use for 8 years and is now in need of a major refurbishment. WAY has uses it regularly, but it is not suitable for group cooking sessions because of the available floor space. The originally designated 'food prep' area, whilst sound in concept hasn't proved to be effective for that purpose, being cut off from the rest of the kitchen by the back of the cooker and units either side of it with the very large extra sink there taking up workspace and serving no useful purpose. As a result this area has become a 'dead' space which is inclined to gather clutter and the actual usable floor space in the main area gets easily congested with a very small number of people in it. Work surfaces are limited and there is a shortage of enclosed storage space. The kitchen units are raised from the ground. It is difficult to clean underneath them and there are some very inaccessible corners.

The Trustees, and WAY are therefore anxious to refurbish the kitchen to provide a safer, easier to use and more attractive space. Tosha has done some research and which obtained two quotes a little while before lockdown. One which included fitting the units as well as providing them for £10850 for the units and fitting but with a £5k contingency for extra work which might be needed. The Other was for £8120 including VAT but did not include the fitting.

In addition we have recently been told by the shutter engineer who came to do the annual service that the kitchen shutter is not legal as it does not have a safety stop to prevent it coming down on someone under it should the motor burn out (apparently new legislation came in a little while ago but this is the first time we have been made aware of it – the shutter company did not inform us last year ) for now the shutter is permanently down and repairs have been put on hold whilst until plans for the kitchen are confirmed as we wonder whether it might become part of the refit

The Management Committee of Tillage hall are therefore requesting approval from the Parish Council to allow £15000 of S106 money allocated to indoor community space to be made available for the kitchen project. Having lost six months due to the lockdown it would be good if the further discussions with contractors could start as soon as possible to enable work to go forward. If shutter improvements are eligible for S106 funding then an extra amount may be requested for this. So far we have no price.

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