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We seek to become a
HAVEN in the Groves



Find Us Here

Lowther Street
Across the road from the shops..
yes, behind those trees!

Going to the church hall?
It's the door set back on the right.

Or online

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Building a Haven

Our aims

Our vision is to become a HAVEN in the Groves.

HAVEN is an acronym for our aims to be:

- Hospitable
- Accessible
- Versatile
- Environmentally-friendly
- Nurturing our community

Connecting

Welcoming the community

We currently host a weekly cafe, a drop-in support group, the Peaced Together course, Babes and Tots groups, Download, computer skills courses, choir and jazz band rehearsals, the polling station and one-off events. We'd love to grow the community use of our spaces - that's central to this project!

Collaborating

We'd love to work with community groups to make the Groves a better place. Let us know if you have a project in mind.



Creating a versatile space for community use

A level floor with accessible toilet and refreshment facilities to welcome all.

The 'to do' list

Our plans cover several areas of the church building

- Repairing the stonework to provide a safe and watertight building
- Re-landscaping the outside space to look more welcoming
- Conducting an energy efficiency audit and designing a low-carbon heating system
- Creating a level floor in the main church to suit flexible community use
- Installing an accessible toilet
- Adding refreshment facilities to the main space

These areas will be supplemented by new audio-visual equipment, storage and redecorating.

What will it cost?

The whole project will probably cost around £900,000.

We'll split this into two phases, with the first phase costing around £520,000. Even if we get a large lottery grant, this means we'll need to raise a further £300,000 for Phase 1.

You can help by donating, organising a fundraising event, joining our grants team, or planning to leave a legacy to support the running of the church in future.