

KIRKBURTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Kirkburton Parish Council concludes the sale of Shelley Village Hall

Kirkburton Parish Council is pleased to announce the sale of Shelley Village Hall to Shelley Community Association for a nominal sum of £10,000, thus guaranteeing its future for many years to come.

Cllr Richard Burton, Chairman of Kirkburton Parish Council, said "Having their own building is something Shelley Community Association has wanted for many years, so I'm really pleased that we have been able to bring this about, and at such a reasonable price.

I'm sure the local people of Shelley will be pleased that they can now take all the decisions on how the Hall is run, and that it will continue to be a top venue in this area for so many community groups and the Outreach Post Office.

We wish Shelley Community Association well in their new venture."

The photograph below shows Cllr Richard Burton, Chairman of the Parish Council, signing the contract, witnessed by (left to right) Anthony Clifton, Trustee of the Community Association, Ann Priestman, Chairman of the Community Association, and Cllr Steve Beresford, Vice Chairman of the Parish Council.

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Editor's Note: Shelley Village Hall was purchased in 1974 from the Wakefield Diocese and has been leased long-term to Shelley Community Association since 1977. That lease has just come to an end, which gave an opportunity for both parties to look at the best way of safeguarding this valued community asset for the future.

Over the last 35 years, the maintenance of the Hall has been shared between the two parties, with the Parish Council caring for the exterior of the building and the car park and Shelley Community Association looking after the interior.

The building has been sold leasehold to the Community Association on a 125-year lease, which restricts the usage to community use to ensure that it will always be available for the local community.



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