

St. Peter's, Great Asby

PROJECT 2017



In the course of our major re-ordering works (mainly inside the Church), we were alerted by our architect to the need to plan for the complete replacement of all our rainwater goods (gutters, hoppers, downpipes, etc). Over the last two years we have been sorting out how and when to do this, and we now hope to start work in June, as soon as possible after Fair Week. The target is for the works to be completed by the end of August, but because we do not know what we will find when we remove the existing high level gutters – and because of possible inclement weather – we cannot really be certain about that.

In order to gain secure access to much the greater part of the roof areas, St Peter's will therefore be 'encased' in scaffolding for several months (with a security fence at ground level). It is also planned that the principal contractor will have a secure compound immediately behind the bus shelter: there is nowhere in the churchyard where such a facility can be properly provided.

There will be no public access to the Church during the working week, but public Sunday worship, and access, will, we hope, continue throughout the period of the project. And because some events cannot be foreseen, we are also providing in the works contract that, should a funeral service in the Church be requested, arrangements will be made for the contractors to be off-site on the day, and for 'ordinary' access to the Church to be made available.

We already have official approval for what is, despite its challenges, "just" a big building maintenance job. The original costing estimate for the Project (made roughly two years ago) was well over £40,000 – of which a large slice was and is expected to be the costs of secure scaffolding access etc. Some £6,000 of the total is likely to be VAT costs, most of which we should be able to reclaim: we have been successful in securing a grant of just under £25,000: and our fund-raising efforts have – thanks to village support – already enabled us to put another £5,000 into the Project account. We aren't quite there, but (setting aside possible increases in costs!) we are on target to meet the bills.

At the time of writing, not all the relevant contracts have been let (we are still at the "going out to tender" stage), and of course some details may change, but this flyer, with subsequent updates in *Asby Matters* and on the parish website, is intended to keep everyone informed of our plans, and our progress. Should they arise, particular queries should be addressed to any member of the PCC.