

The Shallowford Trust Building Update

To recap- we have two major building projects this year:

- **Building an Outdoor Education Barn (The Ark):** a warm space for all year multi-purpose use for everything from learning about conservation to basket weaving, holding a tea party to children's painting.
- **The Barn Conversion:** turning the big barn which had mostly been used for storage, into five bedroomed accommodation with a 'snug', kitchen, downstairs toilet, a lift and wet room for multiple user access.

The Ark! Well, the very practical, but not very romantic name of the 'Outdoor Education Barn' has been cheerfully replaced by '**The Ark**', a unanimous decision based on the shape with only a hint of allusion to us all needing to be saved from the pending Climate Emergency!



Spring 2019 – **Picture 1:** The stable hides the office and the bull and pig pens leak horrendously, making it tricky for practical animal use or storage.



Picture 2: the stable is demolished, then in January (**Picture 3**), the pig pen was toppled and chopped up for firewood by our fantastic volunteers!



With some herculean efforts throughout lock-down, the five main builders – two volunteers, two experienced site workers, and our Farm Manager banged, whacked and sawed ahead to produce a water tight building by May 2020. Lock-down made virtually no difference as supplies were available thanks to careful forward planning and the opportunity to buy online from Screwfix!



In September, another intrepid group of volunteers arrived to try to complete the interior. Sadly, they could not quite finish, but the cupboard shelves are in place, the kitchenette has already served a few rounds of tea and the warmth on a cold autumn evening has

already been truthfully appreciated by a few groups!



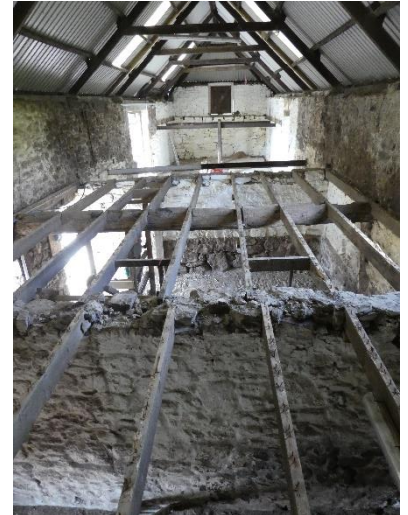
With underfloor heating and views over Corndon Tor, please do contact us if you would like to use the Ark (after lock-down). We have tables and chairs that can enable 2m spacing for up to ten people.



The Main Barn work began on the 18th May, with the contracted builders arriving with a few machines, harris fencing and three men! The men started digging and digging and shifting soil around. A huge sigh of relief was heard audibly when the huge lump in the back left of the barn turned out not to be a massive granite rock, but just pure, soft malleable Dartmoor soil!



Volunteers had removed all the internal wood, preparing the space ready for future work, a new roof, new floors, insulation, new drains and heating. Oh yes – this will be one of Dartmoor’s warmest and cosiest places!



9th September the new roof trusses were swung into place on the end of a huge crane.

By October the upstairs interior with its new roof was laid out with the frames for boarding, layers of insulation and new velux and arrow slit windows in the walls to allow light into each of the five rooms.



Serena and Julia visited multiple bathroom shops just before the second lock-down, so that orders could be made in time. Will, working closely with the builders prioritised ground work to ensure the drive and car parking area was completed before the winter rain drew in, ensuring the grass seed was laid in time for a thick flourish before the rain could wash top soil away. The aim is for the builders to complete by March..... then the serious work begins. We need to paint, decorate and furnish the Main Barn. We have not yet raised the funds, nor identified the skilled volunteer labour..... Can you help?

Funding Needed Please:

Item	Amount
Paint	£1,000
Paint Brushes	£20
Carpet	£7/metre x 100m
Carpet underlay	£6/metre x 100m
Extractor Fan (kitchen)	£700
Flagstones (downstairs)	£2,000
Stackable chairs	£718
Bunkbeds + Mattress each	£450 per bed x 10 = £4,500
Bed linen & towels	£30 per set



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