

OLD STABLES - MACHYNLLETH PLAS- HEN STABLAU

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Dear Friend of Machstablau

You will probably have noticed that work has finally begun on the Machynlleth Plas Stables. The work was seriously delayed over the summer and autumn because of the slow response of Powys planners; fulfilling various conditions related to the building; and complex negotiations with the funders. As a result, the open event planned for last summer has had to be put off.



You may remember from our last newsletter that about £650,000 has been raised for Phase One of the build work. This has come from The Welsh Government Transforming Towns fund, The Heritage Lottery and Cadw. This will pay for re-roofing and restoration of the masonry of the building.

You may also have seen the leaflet that lets people know about the project. This is still being distributed around Machynlleth and it would be a great help if you are able to take some to give to contacts. The leaflet can be collected from the desk at Y Plas. An online version is attached.





Following a meeting to introduce the project to community groups, Year Five pupils from Ysgol Gynradd Bro Hyddgen visited the Stables. This was followed up by a workshop at the school. Elements from the children's work are incorporated into the banners that are now up on the scaffolding and in the Plas foyer.



We hope to run art-based projects in Spring 2025 with other community groups. One idea is to create murals on panels that will cover the old toilet block near the Stables.

Meanwhile we have made good progress in collecting stories on video from people who have memories relating to the Stables. If you think that you could contribute to this or know of someone who would like to talk about their memories of the Stables/Kennels, please get in touch.

Current tasks:

- **Secure about an additional 1.8 million in funding**
- **Complete the Phase One build work**
- **Inform as many people as possible about the project, and involve them in it**

Should you wish to view our business plan, and for further information, or to contribute to the project as a volunteer, please contact us at: machstablau@gmail.com

