

Exciting News!

Madeley Town Council, working in partnership with the Anstice Community Trust (ACT), has agreed to support a scheme for the refurbishment of the Anstice, helping to bring this lovely building back in to the heart of the local community. The Council have sourced funding from Telford & Wrekin Council, other agencies and existing Town Council funds, which together with a loan from the Public Works Board can raise the required £1.1 million to deliver the preferred scheme. Our architects will continue to refine down costs up to when the scheme goes out to tender in November 2018 and further grants will be sought.

The refurbishment will focus on bringing the whole building back into use, including for the first time, the installation of a lift and disabled facilities, so that the building is accessible to all. On the ground floor, there will be a home for the library, a community café and 2 rental units, that will provide income towards running the refurbished building. The flat will also be refurbished. We hope work on the main contract will start in early 2019, so the Anstice will close at the end of December for some 6-9 months, whilst the work is carried out.

Ahead of the main contract, we are going to restore the front porch which needs to be done by specialist masonry contractors. The listed building consent application for the work has been submitted and three specialist masonry companies have been invited to tender. The work involves stripping off the old paint, repairing the walls and replacing the flat roof which is rotten. Tenders are due back on the 3rd September and the intention is to start w/c 10th September. Work will be completed by the end of October.

You may have wondered why scaffolding was erected around the building earlier in the year? Guttering and safety rails on the roof had become unsafe after high winds and had to be repaired to avoid any potential debris falling onto pedestrians below as well as keeping the building water tight.

Finally, we would like to make a plea for your help – the funds available will not be sufficient to carry out the full refurbishment to all the building, for example decoration of the ballroom and replacing and restoring the front windows, and therefore we still need to seek additional funding. So please continue to support the Anstice by attending events being held during the rest of this year, or maybe consider making a donation or holding your own event to raise funds towards the refurbishment – every penny counts!

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Proposed Ground Floor Layout



Proposed First Floor Layout

Plans can be viewed online at: www.theanstice.co.uk

Also on display at the Anstice which is open to the public on Wednesday mornings

There will be an additional display at Jubilee House reception area.



Proposed Rear Elevation



Proposed Left Elevation