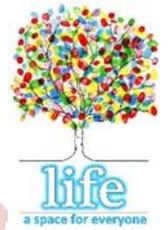


# Summer 2023 Newsletter



[www.lifedronfield.org](http://www.lifedronfield.org)

## Community Open Day

As you know we took over the running of the Halls in June and it has been frenetic since then. In fact, so much has gone on that we cannot get it all down into a single newsletter. Therefore, we will be putting on a Community Open Day on:

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September, from 10am – 3pm at Life**

You'll have the chance to wander around the site, look at the plans and ask any questions about what we're doing.

**Community Open Day**

**life**

**Come and find out what's going on at the old Church Halls**  
**21-23 Church Street, Dronfield, S18 1QB**  
**SATURDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER**  
**10AM - 3PM**

<b>FREE</b>	<b>KIDS</b>	<b>VENUE</b>	<b>FACE</b>
<b>BBQ</b>	<b>CRAFTS</b>	<b>TOURS</b>	<b>PAINTING</b>

[lifedronfield.org](http://lifedronfield.org)

On the day there will be:

- Free BBQ from 12 noon
- Childrens Crafts
- Treasure Hunt
- Venue Tours
- Face painting
- Tea and Coffee

We will also be launching our new branding and logo.

We hope that the new gates will be hung in time. These have taken over a year to finalise, ensuring that they compliment the historic nature of the building.

Please do come along and bring your friends and neighbours.

For those of you who are unable make the open day, we have a brief update on the next page for you.

a space for everyone

## **New Gates**

In January 1967 when Life was first given Grade II listing, a wooden gate hung across the driveway to the side of the building. By August 1999 the gate had been removed, we believe due to damage it had suffered. After working with our Heritage Consultant, Heritage England and NE Derbyshire Heritage Officer, it was agreed that replacing this gate would significantly improve the aesthetics of the site. We have spent the past year working with our architect and consultants to design a gate, which would be in keeping with the historic nature of the site, as well as being long lasting. This doesn't come cheap and after speaking with Cllr Mark Foster, he directed us to the NE Derbyshire Shop Front Enhancement Scheme. Our fantastic grants team applied for a grant from NE Derbyshire and with the support of Cllr Mark Foster we secured a grant to cover the full cost of the gates. We hope to have the gates in place by our Open Day on 16<sup>th</sup> September. A huge thank you for everyone who has been involved in this process.

## **Renovation Tenders**

We are very close to appointing a contractor for the renovation works to the building. We will be holding contractor interview in the next two weeks, with the final tenders in from the three contractors being received on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September. Our trustee board will meet to decide which contractor to move forward with and we hope to be able to share with you the main contractor and the firm costs by 16<sup>th</sup> September.

## **A New Logo**

With the building works about to commence and us taking over the site, we decided this is the perfect time to update our branding and logo. We are excited to launch this on 16th September.

## **Join Our Team**

As you can see we have lots going on and we are keen to keep expanding our team. At the moment we are looking for someone to take on the lead of Fundraising, as well as people to join our Work team, who carry out work to the building. If you would like further information about either of these opportunities, please get in touch.