



## BLOG WITH US

### THIS WEEK - THE BUILDING PROJECT

Hello. We hope that everyone is having a good summer. The building project is progressing extremely well. The Alyth Team thought that it was a good time to share a more in-depth look at where we are with the project, and what we can expect over the coming months.

#### »»» BUILDING WELL

We are four and half months into the building project. Our contractor Borras, have made excellent progress. Having demolished the old Leo Baeck wing in record time, work began on laying the foundations and preparing the anchoring bolts for the steel frame.

The steelwork progressed well until the arrival of some unseasonal Summer rain which caused the smaller machines to get bogged down in the mud. The ground-workers removed the clay, and after adding a mix of sand and stone, the cherry-pickers and crane are back at work this week.

#### »»» WORKING WELL

The project management role is a critical part of the project. Right from the start, we said we needed project managers leading the team of professionals who support the building project.

The centrality of their role means that there is one point of contact for all aspects of the project. As well as considering the regulatory environment in which we are building, Alyth is a charity. This means that it is important for the Trustees to know that they have a team of professionals to advise them, and that they are able to comply with the conditions set out in the loan from CAF Bank, and any regulatory and insurance requirements.

### CONSIDERATE CONTRACTOR AWARD

Our Contractor, Borras have been awarded "Excellent" by the Considerate Constructors Scheme. The scheme measures, respect for the community, care for the environment and valuing the workforce. In all aspects Borras were awarded "excellent". Well done to the Borras Team. These aspects of the project are equally important to the community. It's great to see excellence at work.



## WORKING WELL continued...

The contractor and their sub contractors, the architect and structural engineer, all work through the Project Managers, enabling us to flag issues, make critical calls and control costs, timeframes and design decisions.

As the "client", Alyth has an internal project management team that has supported the Trustees, the Alyth Professional Team and Noeleen Cohen who chairs the building project. The Project Management Group (PMG), which was set up in 2019, includes experience in project management, property development and finance, and risk. Since the start of the project, Simon Blausten, Mark Harris, Matthew Weiner, Michael Green and Russell Baum have brought their skills and wisdom to every aspect of the project. They are an invaluable asset to the project and the community.

## ON THE MONEY

Funds and fundraising are at the heart of the project. Monthly reporting on spend and sticking to the agreed design parameters are key to managing costs and any potential delays in material delivery and time. The complexity of building projects means that we are constantly reviewing the mechanical and electrical spec, the internal and external structure, and what is going to go inside the building. The Project Mangers and Alyth Project Management Team continue to work together to manage each stage.

Our fundraising continues. After the High Holy Days we will be reaching out to the community once again, to ask for your financial support for the project. We are also looking for the best fundraising ideas. Email us at [buildwithus@alyth.org.uk](mailto:buildwithus@alyth.org.uk) to share your ideas and to find out how you can support the project.

## AFTER THE SUMMER

As we head into September and the High Holy Days, we will see the steel frame being completed and the creation of the ground and first-floor footprint. The frame of the new stairs is being manufactured at the steel fabricators in Birmingham. We're expecting it to be delivered in early October.

Around this time, we should also see a new scaffold being put up around the perimeter of the steel frame. This is to facilitate the roof covering which will ensure that the building is waterproofed before it gets cold and very wet at the end of the year.

**Keep reading our Bi-Weekly updates to see when we'll be able to take members on a guided tour of the construction site.**

