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spACE @Hare Hill House – Moored Development Trust

Breathing new life into an iconic local heritage asset



Organisation:

Community hub, facility or spa

Location:

Littleborough, North West



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Award date: **April 2017**
Award amount: **£10,000**
Ownership: **Company Limited by Guarantee**

Grant purpose

To continue ongoing refurbishment work including installing broadband and purchasing of marketing materials and provide a network of support and training for future business development and growth

Regeneration

Having fallen into a poor state of repair, spACE aims to renovate and re-purpose the building to give it a sustainable future as a cultural, events and office space

Improved social inclusion

The project is reliant on volunteers from the local area giving them a sense of local purpose and pride. It will employ local people as it develops as a business

Better access to services

The house has 25 rooms which will be let to businesses and service providers to generate an income. This means providing services not previously being delivered in the area including drug and alcohol services

Sponsored by MoorEnd Development Trust, spACE @ Hare Hill House is turning a once proud and unique local heritage asset into a creative community hub available to all the residents of the local Littleborough area.

As well as providing a community arts space for concerts, theatrical events and exhibitions, Hare Hill House will also play host to a community café – providing a space for local residents to socialise



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and interact. Other uses for the building include being used as an events space, possible wedding venue and focal point for community activities and celebrations.

It will keep the heritage of the building and local area alive by providing a permanent record and celebration of the House, the Newall family who build it and its many incarnations and uses throughout history. The building will also become a local enterprise centre, providing office space for local entrepreneurs and small businesses.

In renovating the building, the project has been reliant on volunteer labour but, with support from our [Trade Up programme](#), it is moving towards generating enough income to pay for staff. For the team behind the project, sourcing labour and building materials locally is important.

We want to generate employment for local people. As with our approach to purchasing materials, it's important to buy locally so the money goes around locally. That's almost as important to me as the building itself!

Nick Andrews

Project Champion, Hare Hill House



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With support from the [Trade Up programme](#), spACE has been able to solve business problems through Action Learning and peer group training from the [School for Social Entrepreneurs \(SSE\)](#). It has also been able to start thinking about how it can effectively deliver social impact and formulate outcomes and goals to apply for further funding.

A new network has also been opened to spACE for them to gain knowledge, guidance and support. “For me, the connections SSE have are what brings real benefit,” continues Nick. “They’re often connections with people that have been through their programmes and can see the benefit. I hope that one day Hare Hill House will become a place that SSE students visit because we’ve benefitted, and I’d want to give something back.”



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