

Cornhill Community Action Ltd Status report, June 22nd 2020

As shown in the status reports of March 24th and April 27th, Cornhill Community Action Ltd has a viable business proposal to refurbish the old school building, creating six units for rent, plus a community space. The proposal includes the development of the playing field into a village green.

Progress since April 27th

Because of the pandemic lockdown, there was little progress in May. Since some of the restrictions have been eased in June, some communication has taken place with prospective tenants for the units. Two units have so far been reserved and it is anticipated that more will be in the next few weeks. The company will also let out advertising space in the community area (unit 8); already there is interest in this.

Definite help has been offered (*later addition - from Border Links*) for the maintenance of the proposed village green.

Support for the project has been received from many people including local land owners and from the High Sheriff of Northumberland.

Possible time-line

As soon as the Community Asset Transfer from NCC to Cornhill Parish Council is complete, the company will request quotations from local builders for the refurbishment of the building while simultaneously making grant applications to cover the costs of conversion. Meanwhile, negotiations with prospective tenants will continue until all units are allocated.

Once the units are in operation, the company will apply for grants to cover the costs of the development of the playing field into a village green