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BUILD A LEGACY. BUY A BRICK.

**CELEBRATING 100 YEARS
OF DINTON VILLAGE HALL**



**DINTON VILLAGE HALL CHARITY
REGISTRATION NUMBER 1027449**



For nearly a century, Dinton Village Hall has stood at the heart of our community, a place where children have attended nursery school, friendships have flourished, milestones have been celebrated and memories have been made. We have gathered for parties, clubs, quizzes, Christmas fairs and more. As we look ahead to our 100th anniversary in 2027, we are embarking on an exciting project to refurbish and extend the Hall so it can continue to serve generations to come.

Now, you can help build the future of Dinton Village Hall one brick at a time.

By buying a commemorative brick, you will leave a lasting mark on the Hall's legacy. Whether engraved with your family's name, a special date, or the name of a village club or loved one, your brick will become part of a beautiful, permanent display, a symbol of the people and stories that make our parish so special.

Together, we can ensure that Dinton Village Hall remains a vibrant, welcoming space for another hundred years.

Join us in building a legacy that will stand the test of time.

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