

**Buckden Village Institute – award of Lottery
funding for improvements to heating system
/ thermal insulation**



The Village Institute Committee is delighted to announce that we have been informed that we have been awarded almost £10,000 via the Big Lottery Fund's "Awards for All" programme.

The money will pay for much-needed modernisation/improvement to the Village Hall's heating system, together with associated thermal insulation measures to the building's fabric. Taken together these works should make a significant difference to the comfort of hall users, especially during the winter months.

It is proposed that the new heating system will be installed by 21 August. The insulation works and associated ceiling redecoration will begin on Tuesday 8 September and it is intended that it will be finished by 25 September. Unfortunately, during the works in September this will mean that the Hall will not be available for normal use. The committee apologises for this, and hopes that regular users will understand the reasons for this and that they will not be too badly inconvenienced.

We should like to put on record our thanks and appreciation to the Big Lottery organisation for their generous award.

Most of the considerable work needed to apply for and obtain the grant was done by John Cowpe whose enthusiasm and perseverance has achieved a very favourable result that will make real improvements to the Hall for the future. Both he and Eric Dennis also did a lot of work concerning the obtaining of quotes for the refurbishment work and sourcing the new heating equipment that can now be installed in the Hall. All members of our community and users of the Hall will benefit from their efforts for many years to come and we are grateful to them

Richard Barlow - Chairman

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