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LATIMER-BASED CHARITY PURCHASES AMERSHAM LANDMARK TO CREATE A NEW COMMUNITY HUB FOR LOCAL PEOPLE

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Restore Hope's mission is to support local children, young people, and families to thrive

After 21 years at Latimer Park, local charity Restore Hope is expanding its reach into Amersham. The charity purchased St John's Methodist Church on Woodside Road to develop a new community hub to serve the needs of the community.

- St John's Methodist Church is known locally by its distinctive copper needle spire.
- The building was conceived in 1960 as both a church and a community centre.
- Local residents will have fond memories of the active St John's Sunday School in the 60s, Scouts meetings in the adjoining youth hall from the 80s, and more recent mums and babies groups like Monkey Music held right up until last summer.
- Restore Hope is encouraging those who live and work locally to help us develop a vision for this new community space.
- A public consultation will take place on Saturday 23 March from 10:00 - 14:00, to share architect drawings and programming ideas. See <https://restorehopecommunityhub.org/> for more info.

Since opening in 2002, Restore Hope has worked with thousands of families in need throughout our local community. Our area of the Chilterns was identified in the Government's 2020 Social Mobility Report as one of the lowest areas for social mobility. What this means is in spite of the myriad resources available locally, including high quality education, high ratings of health, and low levels of crime, children born into poverty are likely to remain in poverty through adulthood, and across generations. Restore Hope believes it doesn't have to be this way.

Restore Hope CEO, Nate Sence, says: 'I think it is true for all people that life has become increasingly complicated these last few years. Restore Hope Amersham is going to be a place filled with opportunities for people to gain the skills and experiences they need to tackle their challenges. We are looking forward to continuing the work we've become known for over the past two decades whilst also partnering with other organisations to deliver excellent support. Restore Hope Amersham will be buzzing with activity, where people will interact, share experiences and encourage one another.'

Restore Hope is a Christian charity working to bring hope to people across our local community. We work with people of all faiths and none, showing them love; walking alongside them on their journey; advocating for them when they aren't able; and helping them develop skills and confidence to take their next steps for a more positive future.

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