

Friends of Ramsbottom Civic Hall

SAFEGUARDING THE FUTURE OF RAMSBOTTOM CIVIC HALL

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LATEST CONCERNS

WHERE NEXT FOR THE GRANT ARMS?

The Friends of Ramsbottom Civic Hall have for years been concerned about potential challenges to the local community, and especially the Civic Hall, presented by its Ramsbottom Market Place neighbour, the Grant Arms.

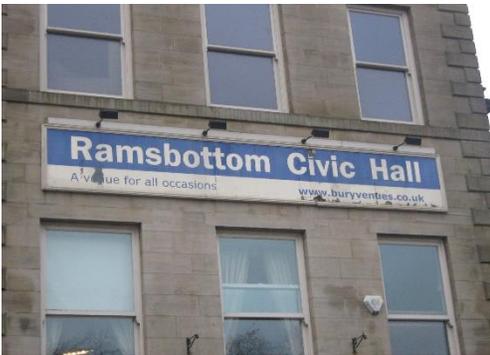
It is currently closed and its future seems uncertain. How will any new owners deal with the continuing local problems?

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

Property belonging to the present owner of the Grant Arms includes:

- A large part of the car park to the rear of the pub (It has various problems which are not being addressed.)
- All the setted roadways around Ramsbottom Market Place continuing up past the Civic Hall and into the car park. (They are in a deteriorating condition and are becoming danger to users.)
- The old bowling green, which continues to deteriorate from lack of use and maintenance

The Grant Arms premises and its surroundings are badly in need of a future plan. The people of Ramsbottom and the users of the Civic Hall deserve to be consulted and involved in the development of these.



HALL SIGNAGE

The Civic Hall's sign is in poor condition. Recently, there have been community initiatives to repair other Market Place features so FORCH has agreed to contribute to the cost of a replacement Civic Hall sign. A successful application was made for a grant to help us to do so. It is hoped the new sign will be in place by the time this newsletter is in circulation.

GOOD NEWS REGARDING THE CIVIC HALL GARDEN

The gardens at the rear of the Civic Hall have been an outstanding example of the co-operation between the Council, FORCH and the users of the Hall. The gardens regularly attract interest and prove a good location for photographs when celebrations are taking place at the hall.

We are pleased to report that some 20 weddings are scheduled for 2018, events which are good for the long-term future of the hall and will bring many people into contact with the excellent facilities now available. Funding has now been allocated by the Council to act as a stimulus for maintenance and improvements. FORCH have been invited to lead the process and it is intended that the Alpine Garden Society, who planned and helped to create the garden originally, will play a further part in this development. The work will we hope create much interest in the early part of 2018.

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