ST CHAD’S CENTRE

at the *heart* of
BISHOP’S TACHBROOK
Background

Our village is home to over 2,500 people and needs facilities to help foster community life.

In recent years Bishop’s Tachbrook has lost its Post Office and other civic amenities such as the Old School Hall, which was no longer fit for purpose. The Sports & Social Club also now has limited suitability for the use of community groups, particularly for youth programmes.

The development of the nearby Warwick Gates residential estate has brought with it increased demands. Expanding attendance has also highlighted a lack of local facilities for a range of community groups and activities. At St Chad’s Church too there has also been an increase in the size of the congregation.

In 2002, the Parish Council and the Parochial Church Council (PCC) identified the need to provide amenities for the wider community and planning began for the St Chad’s Centre.

The St Chad’s Centre will meet a significant local need.
Providing for the community

The Centre will be an ideal and more comfortable space for:

✓ Children’s birthday parties, baptisms and other family gatherings.

✓ Meetings of the Parish Council and other community groups.

✓ Gatherings of Brownies and other youth groups.

✓ Youth workers.

✓ Mobile Post Office.

✓ School groups and Adult Education classes.

✓ Police ‘clinics’, public discussion and consultations.

✓ Regular MP’s surgery, County & District Council meetings.

The Centre will be located at the heart of the village, serving a genuine community role.

To ensure the Centre continues to meet these needs a Charity is being formed to build and operate the Centre with representation from the PCC, Parish Council and other community groups.
The St Chad's Centre will provide:

1. Entrance foyer / open space
2. Corridor / open space
3. Toilets
4. Kitchen
5. Stores
6. Office
7. Multi-purpose room
SITE PLAN

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1. The land on which the Centre will be built has been identified and negotiations with Diocese of Coventry for a long-term peppercorn lease are well advanced.

2. In August 2007, the construction costs were estimated between £390,000 and £475,000 by Quantity Surveyors for the 198 meter sq building.

3. Planning permission has been granted by the Warwick District Council in January 2011.

4. The Parish Council has agreed to grant £50,000 to the construction project. In addition, a further £80,000 has so far been raised in cash and pledges from the community.
We are creating history and this project is a chance to make a mark on the future shape of our community.

Further grant applications are being prepared to marshal the initial investment needed of c£180,000 to construct the shell of the building, with work planned to begin during 2012.