

SHEEP MUSIC

THE WENT'S MEADOW COMMUNITY STORE-BAR

We emailed you back in December about this exciting project and are delighted to inform you that **the majority of funding is in place, and we now have planning permission.**

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO RAISE THE FINAL £5,000

To recap, many of you will have attended events at Presteigne's Community Barn - a terrific collaboration between the Town Council and Sheep Music back in 2019. This permanent venue has made a huge difference to the organisers and to the costs of running community events.

However, the barn has no storage capacity, and there is always a huge amount of equipment and gear to haul to the site and then back again once the event has finished. This takes a massive amount of time and energy.

So, to cut to the chase, the Big Barn needs a smaller brother, a secure storage shed for equipment that will also cleverly double up as 'The Baa' (serving drinks and refreshments), thus avoiding another lengthy set-up operation. The users of the barn, Sheep Music, Presteigne Carnival and Mid Border Arts all recognise the urgent need for such a facility, and Owen Rimington came up with a great design for a building to do just that. The building will be sited adjacent to the existing barn and be sympathetic to its design and the meadow itself.

The Community Store-Bar is another joint project between the Town Council and Sheep Music. Sheep Music will take responsibility for its building and, like the Community Barn, the plan is for it to be built by the same mix of experienced builders and enthusiastic amateurs who all live in our community.

Where are we now?

Planning Permission has now been granted, so we are hoping that construction will start in April, and it is hoped to have the new store ready for the 2025 Presteigne Carnival on Saturday 12th July.

The great news is that we have successfully been granted the £20,000 requested from the National Lottery Community fund. The Town Council, Sheep Music and the Carnival Committee have pledged a further £5,000, so all that's left to do, apart from building it, is to **raise the last £5,000** to get to the £30,000 budget. This budget also includes the purchase of £5,000 worth of new equipment needed to help put on community events.

Please support us!

Raising the final £5,000 is why we are reaching out to you. Please do take the time to donate to this project which will enrich our community for many years to come.

We have opened a **JustGiving** page,
Sheep Music Fundraiser

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/sheepmusic2025>.

For donations over £100, we would hugely appreciate your Gift Aid - please email us directly at info@sheep-music.co.uk and we will send you our bank details and a Gift Aid Form to make your donation. This will supplement your donation by 25%. **Thank you!**

The Sheep Music Team

