

**Press release – 26 April 2021**

## **THE GREIG HALL, ALCESTER**

Alcester Town Council is delighted to announce that it has completed a lease of The Greig Hall in Alcester.

The lease is for a period of 125 years and has been granted by Stratford-on-Avon District Council to enable the building to be reopened as a community centre and arts venue.

The Town Clerk, Vanessa Lowe, said: “The acquisition of The Greig Hall has been an ambition of the Town Council for many years and we are thrilled that we have finally got the keys to the building. This has been a real team effort and we would like to thank Stratford District Council and all the Town and District Councillors (both past and present) who have worked so hard to make this happen.

We are particularly grateful to The Friends of the Greig Hall who by running their Home2Home shop have donated £75,000 towards the redevelopment of the Hall. Church Street Property Trust has also donated a very generous £25,000 towards the project.”

The Mayor of Alcester, Cllr Gill Forman said: “We know we have a great deal of work to do to make the Greig Hall fit for the 21<sup>st</sup> century but we are confident that our community will support us in this exciting project. Many Mayors before me have tried to save the Greig Hall and I am delighted that we have finally managed to secure the building for the people of Alcester.”

Sheilagh Goode from The Friends of the Greig Hall said “We are delighted that the Hall is finally being returned to the people of Alcester. It has been a long battle and there is a lot of hard work ahead. The Hall will be run by the people of Alcester for the people of Alcester. There is amazing enthusiasm and great affection for the Hall, and we know that together we can make this a reality and the Hall can once again be a major part of the Alcester community.”

Cllr Tony Jefferson, Leader of Stratford-on-Avon District Council said: “I am pleased that, at long last and after a challenging process, we have been able to give the keys to the building to Alcester Town Council. I am sure that the people of Alcester will ensure the future success of the Greig Hall as a community centre and arts venue.”

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Further information is available at [www.greighall.org.uk](http://www.greighall.org.uk) or by contacting Vanessa Lowe, Town Clerk on 01789 766084 or email [clerk@alcester-tc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@alcester-tc.gov.uk)