

# THE PETTIWARD HALL, GREAT FINBOROUGH (Great Finborough Village Hall, charity no. 246643)

## RE-BUILDING OF THE CHIMNEY STACK

### Design & Access Statement

The Village Hall has recently been re-roofed. The contractor informed the Pettiward Hall Management Committee that there was an extensive crack in the chimney stack. This was not visible from the road as it was on the other side of the chimney. There was no way of knowing whether this crack had been a recent occurrence or if it had been in that state for some time. The chimney has not been in use for many years –possibly over forty.

The following photographs show the hall, the chimney stack from Valley Lane and a close-up of the cracked stack.



We had three builders examine the chimney closely whilst the scaffolding was up for the roof and both were of the opinion that the stack should be re-built rather than repaired. We have received two quotes and are awaiting a third. Following an informal approach to a structural engineer, the

management committee came to the same conclusion. Although the builders did not believe the chimney stack was likely to fall down in the near future, the committee decided that the work to rebuild it should be undertaken as soon as practicable, bearing in mind the need to raise sufficient funds to do so.

The intention is to rebuild the stack from its concrete base following the exact design as the current stack.

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Secretary, Pettiward Hall Management Committee  
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