



St Mark's Old School Let's make it; reMARKable, aspirational, for the community!

- Built for and used by the community since 1855.
- Proposal to turn it into four market price houses. Consultation by the developer found that the vast majority, over 80%, wanted to keep it in use for the community.
- The Swanage Local Plan recognises the need for employment and training, particularly for young people (approx 100 leave school every year, either to leave the area or to go into mainly low paid, seasonal work).
- Swanage2027 (made up of; Swanage Town Council, Swanage Town & Community Partnership and Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust) working with community volunteers to deliver Swanage Local Plan priorities.
- The old school could become a remarkable, aspirational and community space that offers an enterprise hub of IT/office/training facilities for young, and not so young entrepreneurs, home workers and the self-employed.
- Would also provide additional flexible community space.
- The Diocese of Salisbury have paused the sale to developers to give Swanage & Purbeck Development Trust and the community a chance to purchase the old school.
- Fundraising opportunities; grant funding, crowd funding (community, parishioners, former pupils, organisations, businesses etc) and sponsors.
- How can Swanage Town Council help?
 - Positive support for the project
 - Promote to other organisations and the community
 - Help find funding opportunities