**PRESS RELEASE: GOOD NEWS FOR LARCS**

The LARCS’ Management Team has been advised by *Power to Change* that LARCS has “progressed to a Full Assessment”. Two Assessors from Social Investment Business are due to visit Bampton, probably in the first week of January.

LARCS put in a funding bid in October to the Independent Charitable Trust, *Power to Change* for £150,000 to refurbish the old School, Bampton, which can then provide a community ‘hub’ with innovative services, activities and events for Bampton and the surrounding areas, and a new home for Bampton’s library.

LARCS has come successfully through the first two stages; each stage demanding yet more in-depth information, analysis and detailed plans. The Assessment Visit is the third and final hoop through which the LARCS’ Management Team must jump. Following the Assessment, the Assessors’ report is forwarded to the *Power to Change* Grants Panel which will reach its decision at the end of January.

Miss Janet Crabtree, LARCS’ Chairman, said: “The quiet catching-up period over Christmas must now involve major homework in preparation for what feels rather like a battle that we are fighting for Bampton! The more supporters we have (already over 500), the better it is”

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