

Newsletter 04

Work has not only started but is continuing apace to transform the old British Gas showroom at 90a Front Street East into a fully functioning professional grade broadcasting studio.



This good news means that we have been unable to have the pre-work meet and greet session because, well, we didn't get our fingers out in time to organise it. Many apologies. However, the 'before' pictures will help give you an idea of what the place looked like.



We're indebted to volunteers Brian Oliver and Malcolm Robinson for the on-site work (pictured) they have been doing.



Broadcast As we're making such rapid progress we believe a first 28-day restricted service licence broadcast is feasible in the next few months subject to Ofcom's approval.

It's very important that volunteers get basic broadcasting **training** before hitting the airwaves and so we are organising training sessions at The King Edward VI School radio studio during the forthcoming half-term holiday.

These sessions will take place on Monday October 24 and Friday October 28 from 10am onwards.

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Contact John White to book your individual training slot - john.white@snrgroup.co.uk tel: 01670 501515. The studio is located in the school's Graphics department (A12, via central entrance) Cottingwood Lane, Morpeth. Please sign in/out in foyer.

Programmes and availability

We will be working on the programming schedule over the next few weeks so please let us have your ideas and availability to present your programmes. It is vitally important that if you want a regular daily or weekly show you have the ability to complete them. There will be slots for specialist music programmes and we are anxious to have a wide ranging mix to suit all tastes. But please allow for as much local relevance as possible; ie if you are putting together a jazz or blues programme check out local bands and get interviews with them. If you're more interested in a speech-based programme please think about getting as many local references/interviewees as possible.

Volunteers meeting

We plan to hold a volunteers' get-together in the very near future.
A date, time and venue will be circulated.

Duchess Backs Synergy: The Duchess of Northumberland has added her name to the growing list of our supporters. In a letter to SNRG she writes: "I fully support this enterprising project of the South Northumberland Radio Group which will reach out into the community giving information, help and pleasure to many who may not have the opportunity to interact with others. With every good wish to all those who have been involved in the setting up, funding and running of Synergy; this station deserves to be a great success."

In addition the Alnwick Castle-based Northumberland Estates has confirmed its support for our project stating: "This facility will prove to be useful and beneficial to the local community."

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The Co-operative Community Fund scheme has awarded our project £1,828 to help pay for electrical items.

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