

VILLAGE HALL, WEST LOTHIAN

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When the residents of Ecclesmachan in West Lothian had all but lost hope of restoring the roof of the historic local village hall due to a lack of funding, a solution was found in the form of Roofshield. The A. Proctor Group's "Roofshield to the Rescue" promotion offered community halls and centres up and down the country the chance of up to £10,000 of support towards the restoration of a community roofing project.

The successful nomination was awarded to the Ecclesmachan & Threemiletown Village Hall. The original building was a single Victorian school with ancillary accommodation. The pitched roofs, which were in urgent need of repair, consisted of a timber hand cut joists and truss design, with sarking, and a slate roof finish.

Slorach Wood Architects were commissioned to prepare plans and oversee all works which included removal of the existing roof slates down to the sarking boards, examination and replacement of sarking where required, replacing all lead valleys and flashings, and application of the Roofshield membrane, and then re-slating.

Roofshield has long been recognised as one of the highest performing roofing membrane solutions, providing a pitched roof underlay, which is both air and vapour permeable.

Walter Wood, Director for Slorach Wood Architects comments: "Without the generous help of the A. Proctor Group the roofing works may not have been able to go ahead due to a lack of available funding. The restoration of the roof means that the community can once more benefit from a great local facility, which has become home for women's groups, children's nursery and health and fitness classes."

Many vapour and air permeable underlays use an airtight VP film layer to achieve their performance, whilst Roofshield's patented SMS (Spunbond Meltblown Spunbond) structure allows high levels of airflow, in addition to the transport of moisture vapour, making the formation of condensation in the roof space virtually impossible. It has an extremely high degree of vapour permeability, as well as air permeability, so will still perform in conditions in which airtight alternatives will not.

