

The Road Ahead

With reserves approaching £100,000 towards a goal of £250,000, Flavel Forever's financial structure is more secure than ever.

To meet ambitious targets, continued regular donations are essential.

Reserves are vital to ensure that repairs can be undertaken without the need to fundraise more.

Supporters are undertaking fundraising challenges, and the campaign strives to reach 500 committed members — each new supporter strengthens The Flavel's future.

Through monthly or annual contributions, and by spreading the word, the community can ensure The Flavel remains a cornerstone of Dartmouth's cultural life for generations to come. Join Flavel Forever and help us build a lasting legacy.

Flavel Forever “Shopping List” — Why These Items Matter

These items fit into our Flavel Forever Business Plan in the following ways

- DP – diversify the Programme
- EV – enhance the venue
- RO – reduce overheads¹
- CE – community engagement

Small Gifts (£100–£750)

Practical, immediate improvements that keep the building safe, welcoming and well cared for.

Emergency evacuation sledge – £100 (EV)

Essential equipment to ensure that everyone can be evacuated safely in an emergency, including audience members or participants with limited mobility. This item underpins our commitment to inclusion and safety for all.

Replacement smoke detectors – £945 (shares of £100 available) (EV)

Reliable, modern smoke detectors are a vital part of keeping audiences, staff and volunteers safe. These replacements ensure the building meets current safety standards and provides peace of mind for everyone who walks through our doors.

Coffee grinder replacement – £730 (EV)

The café is a key part of the Flavel experience — a place where people gather before and after events. A reliable grinder ensures quality service, supports café income, and helps maintain a warm, sociable atmosphere.

Wood laminate flooring replacement – £389 (EV)

High-use areas experience natural wear over time. Replacing flooring helps keep public spaces looking cared for, safe and welcoming, reinforcing pride in the building and comfort for visitors.

Spare remote control for auditorium seats – £400 (EV)

A simple but important operational item that ensures seating can be adjusted smoothly for performances, talks and community events, improving comfort and accessibility for audiences.

Medium Gifts (£750–£3,000)

Items that improve audience experience, operational efficiency and day-to-day resilience.

Stage monitors (4 × £389) (EV)

Good sound monitoring allows performers to hear themselves clearly, improving performance quality and reducing technical strain. These monitors support a wide range of events, from theatre and music to talks and community performances.

Dishwasher for auditorium kitchen – £1,080 (EV)

A reliable dishwasher supports volunteers and staff during busy events, keeps hygiene standards high, and enables the café and hospitality offer to run smoothly without unnecessary strain on people or resources.

Part-funding for conference chairs (30 chairs, total £6,270) (DP + EV)

Comfortable, matching chairs enhance the experience for audiences, conference users and community groups. They also improve the professional feel of the space, helping The Flavel remain attractive for hires and partnerships.

Major Gifts (£3,000–£10,000+)

Transformational improvements that strengthen the building's sustainability and long-term future.

LED auditorium lanterns (20 × £382 = £7,640) (DP + EV)

Energy-efficient LED lanterns improve lighting quality while reducing energy consumption and ongoing costs. This upgrade supports environmental responsibility and long-term financial sustainability.

Replacement Velux windows – £5,000 (EV)

New windows improve insulation, reduce heat loss and enhance comfort for audiences and performers alike. They also help protect the building fabric and reduce future maintenance costs.

Updating the box office and ticketing system (Est. £5,000) (RO + EV)

A modern, reliable ticketing system improves customer experience, simplifies bookings, and supports accurate reporting and financial management. This investment strengthens income generation and reduces administrative burden.

Heating improvements in the café (Est £5,000) (EV)

A warm, comfortable café encourages people to linger, meet friends and return regularly. Improved heating directly supports community use, café income and overall wellbeing for visitors.

Front door heat-retention adjustments (Est £5,000) (EV)

Every time the door opens, heat is lost. Simple structural improvements help retain warmth, reduce energy bills and make the building more environmentally efficient and welcoming year-round.

Boiler replacement (Est between £10,000 and £25,000) (EV)

A reliable boiler is fundamental to keeping the building open, warm and operational. Replacement prevents emergency closures, supports energy efficiency, and protects all other activities in the building.

Café / library refurbishment (Est £100,000) (CE + EV)

Refreshing these shared spaces enhances accessibility, comfort and community use. It helps The Flavel remain a place people want to spend time — not just attend events.

Specific programme or event sponsorship (CE + DP)

Targeted sponsorship allows supporters to directly enable performances, talks or community programmes. It connects giving with visible, meaningful outcomes that audiences can experience first-hand.

Choose an item that speaks to you;

from a single piece of essential equipment to a major upgrade and help us keep The Flavel safe, warm and thriving.

Every gift, large or small, protects something that this community loves.