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# Mammoth task to repair village hall

**RESIDENTS of a tiny community have set themselves the mammoth task of raising £50,000 for essential repairs to the village hall.**

A committee has just been formed at Goadby Marwood, which has only 38 houses, to get the money together to repair the Grade Two listed building, formerly the village school.

Secretary Colette Stein said the top priority would be to repair the roof and chimney, but the heating and lighting systems also needed replacing.

"We hope a proportion of the money

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will be obtained from grants and we are applying to the National Lottery for help," she said.

"Because it is a listed building, we will have to be very careful to ensure the work is carried out correctly and is in keeping with the original condition."

The first fund-raising event for the appeal will be a ploughman's lunch on Saturday, May 22.

"It would be particularly nice to see anyone who used to attend the school, or their parents or grandparents. The school closed about 50 years ago," said Mrs Stein.

"I know there are a couple of former pupils still living in the village."

The hall is the village's only community facility. There is no public house or official play area.

Mrs Stein said: "It is particularly important for the village hall to be in good repair at the moment as there are 32 children in the village and no area set aside for them to meet either inside or outside."

"We hope to have regular times at the village hall where the children can gather and play snooker or table tennis."

"These have already started, not so much a youth club, but more of a meeting place for youngsters to get together and we want to hold them on a much more regular basis."