

OSHWAL HOUSE

Preserving Our Heritage | Building Our Future

OSHWAL HOUSE RESTORATION FUNDRAISING SCHEME

A Grade II Listed Building • A Remarkable Heritage

A New Chapter for Oshwal Centre

Oshwal House is an important part of the Oshwal Centre Estate in Potters Bar. Together with the world-renowned Shikharbandhi Derasar, it forms part of a unique community estate reflecting the vision, faith, heritage and generosity of generations of Oshwal families.

We now have an opportunity to sensitively restore Oshwal House, protect its heritage and create a building that complements the Derasar and continues to serve our community for generations to come.

Our Ambition

PRESERVE

our heritage and the architectural character of a Grade II listed building.

HONOUR

the vision, service and generosity of the generations who created Oshwal Centre.

INSPIRE

future generations to value, use and continue this remarkable legacy.

Why Oshwal House Matters

Oshwal Centre is much more than a collection of buildings. It is a place where our faith, heritage, culture, community and values come together.

When the Estate was acquired, Oshwal House was known as Hook House. It soon took on a deeply meaningful role in our community, becoming home to our Ghar Derasar, where generations of Oshwals come to practise and share the Jain faith.



For many members, Oshwal House therefore represents more than bricks, stone and architecture. It is part of the story of how our community established a home in the UK and created a place where our faith could be practised, shared and passed from one generation to the next.

Today, the magnificent Shikharbandhi Derasar stands as a testament to the vision, faith and generosity of those who came before us. Oshwal House remains an important part of the history and identity of the Estate.

A heritage worth Preserving – a future worth creating

A Grade II Listed Building – Protecting an important part of our architectural and historic heritage.

A Former Ghar Derasar – A place where generations of Oshwals came to practise and share the Jain faith.

Part of the Oshwal Centre Story – A building that has witnessed the growth of our community and its spiritual journey.

A Place for New Memories – A beautifully restored Oshwal House can provide welcoming spaces for our community to meet, learn, celebrate and create new memories.

A Legacy for the Future – An opportunity to ensure that the story and significance of Oshwal House continue for generations to come.

From Hook House to Oshwal House

This building has been part of our community's journey for generations.

Now we have an opportunity to write its next chapter.

GRADE II LISTED – A building with recognised architectural and historic significance.

OSHWAL CENTRE ESTATE – An important part of the wider Oshwal Centre and its community story.

COMPLEMENTING THE DERASAR – A restored Oshwal House will sit alongside and beautifully complement the Shikharbandhi Derasar.

FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS – A restored building can continue to welcome, serve and inspire our community for many years to come.

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Non-violence

Responsibility we have inherited

The generations before us invested their time, energy, resources and faith in creating Oshwal Centre. Their achievements are now part of our shared heritage.

Restoring Oshwal House is our opportunity to build on that foundation. We are not simply repairing an old building; we are protecting a part of our story and ensuring that it remains relevant and valuable to future generations.

Our Vision for Oshwal House

Our ambition is to restore Oshwal House sensitively and thoughtfully, respecting its Grade II listed status and architectural character while creating a building that is fit for the future.

The restored House will form part of the wider Oshwal Centre Estate, creating a setting in which its heritage and the beauty of the Shikharbandhi Derasar can be appreciated together.

We want Oshwal House to be welcoming, purposeful and proud of its heritage — a place where our community can meet, learn, celebrate and create new memories. As plans develop, the restoration will be guided by listed-building requirements and a clear understanding of its long-term role within the Oshwal Centre Estate.

Heritage Funding and Grants

Because Oshwal House is a Grade II listed building, we will explore appropriate heritage grants and other external funding opportunities. This will complement the generosity of our community and help secure the best possible outcome for the building.

We are not simply restoring a building. We are preserving a piece of our heritage, honouring the vision of those who came before us, and creating something worthy of those who come after us.

OSHWAL HOUSE RESTORATION FUND

A RESTRICTED FUND

OUR FUNDRAISING TARGET

£1,000,000+

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We are inviting individuals, families, businesses and friends of Oshwal to become Founding Supporters of the Oshwal House Restoration Fund.

LEVELS OF GIVING

£5,001	£10,001	£20,001	£50,001	£100,001
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These are suggested levels of giving. Contributions may be made individually, jointly as a family, through a business or together with friends. If you would like to discuss another level of support, we would be delighted to hear from you.

WHY Your Support Matters

Restoring a Grade II listed building is a significant undertaking. Community philanthropy will be central to making the project possible, alongside our commitment to pursuing appropriate heritage grants and external funding. The Oshwal House Restoration Fund is a restricted fund, and donations will be used specifically towards the restoration project costs.

YOUR LEGACY. OUR HERITAGE.

Every contribution represents an investment in the future of Oshwal Centre and helps ensure that Oshwal House remains part of our community story.

The Oshwal House Restoration Scheme Acknowledgement

Supporters will be acknowledged through an Oshwal House Restoration Acknowledgement Scheme, creating a lasting record of the generosity of those who helped make the restoration possible.

This will recognise the collective contribution of individuals, families and organisations who have chosen to become part of this important chapter in Oshwal history. The precise format and location will be confirmed as part of the restoration and heritage planning.



Be there when history is renewed

When the restoration is complete, we want to celebrate this important milestone together.

All supporters of the Restoration Fund will be invited to the opening of the restored Oshwal House. We hope to mark the occasion with a special celebration, bringing together those whose generosity and commitment helped preserve this important part of our heritage.

More than a donation

For some, support may be a family gift. For others, it may be a contribution in memory of someone special, through a business or as a personal commitment to the future of Oshwal Centre.

Whatever your reason for supporting the restoration, your contribution will become part of the story of Oshwal House and the wider Oshwal Centre Estate.

EVERY CONTRIBUTION HELPS PRESERVE OUR HERITAGE

HELP RESTORE A LANDMARK • PRESERVE OUR HERITAGE • BUILD OUR FUTURE

We invite you to become part of this important project and help secure the future of Oshwal House as a valued part of the Oshwal Centre Estate.



HOW TO DONATE

By credit/debit card

Complete the online donation form and select the Oshwal House Restoration Fund.

By bank transfer

Please email admin@oshwal.org for the bank details and use the reference: **Oshwal House Restoration** when making your transfer.

OUR SHARED TARGET

£1,000,000+

Every supporter becomes part of our story

Every contribution creates a legacy

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Connect • Belong • Inspire

We appreciate your generous donations. In accordance with the guidelines provided by the Charity Commission and OAUk's Know Your Donor policy, we may need to carry out appropriate checks for donations over £2,500, and if we require any further information, we will contact you again.

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