



Longparish Village Hall

Precious Village Asset since 1910

Refurbishment Project

Survey of User Groups - March 2011

Responses Received from 10 User Groups:

Longparish Community Association
Recycled Teenagers
Longparish Conservative Association
Friends of Longparish School (FOLS)
Longparish Players
Toddler Group
Longparish Cricket Club
PCC Longparish
Longparish Gardening Club
Smooth Movers

Conclusions

The key points which came out of this survey are

1. Improve the heating for comfort and to reduce the cost to hirers
2. Find a solution to the storage problem. This issue seriously impacts on community use that can be derived from the hall
3. Procure a modern sound/PA/projection system
4. Free up space for a good committee room which doubles as a smaller venue for meetings and groups
5. All the other improvement points from the individuals survey including changing the windows are backed up by the group users

Question 1

How often does your group use the village hall ?

Once a fortnight or more	3
Once a month	1
Once every few months	6

Question 2

If you don't use the hall much/at all what are the main reasons?

Poor facilities	6
Too cold in winter	8
Lack of storage	1

Question 3

What areas would your group like to see improved in the hall ?

Heating	10	Toilet facilities	9
Lighting	7	Kitchen facilities	10
Seating	8	Storage	3
Easier Access	5	Stage	2

Question 4

Is there enough natural light in the hall ?

No - 6 Yes - 3 Don't know - 1

Question 5

Suggest improvements to the lighting

Improve lighting in back stage areas x 2

Have large double glazed French windows at side leading to car park x 3

Larger windows x2

Enlarge and lower windows x 1

Question 6

What other activities would you like/run in our hall ?

Fund raising during school hours

Coffee mornings

Lunches

Sing for your life events

OAP groups combined with other villages

Plant sales

Film shows

Fundraising events and committee meetings

More plays with more ambitious staging

Exercise class twice per week

Table tennis club

Parties

Question 7

Do you have any other suggestions on how to make the hall more useful to our community ?

Heating is a major issue mentioned by all groups. It is ineffective and causes any hirer to incur extra costs through running the heating for their meeting/event

Storage is also a major issue for some user groups especially LCA, KidzZone, Toddler Group

Don't make the floor too smart so that restrictions get placed on the use of the hall

Sound/audio/projection system needed

Blackout needed

Lighting must be sophisticated enough for the audience to be in low light while the speaker has light on the lectern

Need much improved stage

A proper committee room needed for meetings and smaller group activities

Improve access and external lighting for the elderly and disabled

Safe external play area needed for toddler group and other childrens' activities

Improved kitchen area needed

Question 8

What suggestions can you make for how we can raise money to pay for the refurbishment ?

Install fundraising thermometer showing target and achievement

Film nights

Play

Family picnic/games

Nearly new childrens clothes/toys (Toddler Group)

Jumble sales

Car boot sales

Raffle

Whist Drives

Afternoon teas

Lottery funding

Party nights

Bridge

Sponsored walks

Auction of Promises

Special event by each group that uses the hall