



# Longparish Village Hall

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## Refurbishment Project

### Survey of Individuals - March 2011

Households canvassed – 297

Survey forms returned – 72

Percentage return – 24%

#### Question 1

How often have you attended an event or activity in the village hall in the last year ?

Once a fortnight or more	12	17%
Once a month	15	21%
Once every few months	44	61%
Not answered	1	1%

#### Question 2

If you don't use the hall much, what are the main reasons? (tick all that apply)

Not enough of interest	2	2.7%
Too cold in winter	26	36%
I don't go out at night	4	5.5%
Not answered	28	39%
Other: Baby sitter difficulties Not enough local events Clash of commitments Only just moved to village Difficult wheelchair access Attend entertainments but not group/club activities	12	

### Question 3

Are there any improvements you would like to see?

Heating	61	85%	Toilet facilities	59	82%
Lighting	46	64%	Kitchen facilities	56	78%
Seating	37	51%	Storage	24	33%
Easier Access	22	30%	Solar Panels	42	58%

Other:

- White paint on the external pebble dash and improve outside appearance (2)
- Improve insulation and signage
- Install new black out facilities (3)
- Install loop system for hearing impaired people
- Enable part of hall to be partitioned for smaller gatherings/events
- Improve handrails for disabled access
- Enhance outside area with tables and benches for summer use (like community hall) (3)
- New lighting should permit speaker to read with remaining lights dimmed
- New stage curtains

### Question 4

Is there enough natural light in the hall ?

Yes - 22 30%      No – 45 62%      No comment – 5 7%

### Question 5

If not please suggest ways of improving it

- Enlarge or lower windows - 34                      47%
- Improve internal colour scheme - 1
- Glaze front and side - 3
- Install roof/sky lights - 2

### Question 6

Would you support any of these activities ?

Coffee mornings	42	58%	Lunches	18	25%	Dance classes	20	28%
Quizzes	35	49%	Bingo/bridge	18	25%	Keep fit sessions	33	46%
Games evenings	14	19%	Film shows	49	68%	Craft activities	28	39%
Art classes	22	30%	Talks and slide shows	45	62%	Cookery classes	25	35%

What other activities would you like ?

Plays/ live entertainment/musical evenings (5)	Educational talks
Mother and toddler group (2)	Table tennis
Dog training	Beer festival
Garden produce sales	Badminton
Slimming club	Yoga classes
Childrens events and courses	Plant swaps
Swap shop - clothes, kids toys, vegetables, jams etc, combine with coffee morning or afternoon teas and drop in centre for public information	

### Question 7

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

- Lights in car park - dangerous at present
- Loop facility for deaf
- Modern projection equipment
- Modern audio/sound/ PA
- Modern kitchen
- Make warm cosy and inviting with clean fresh décor
- Create useful outside area where car park is for childrens recreation and seating area with access from side of hall
- Better contact information for booking the hall
- Run coffee shop
- Deliver the planned refurbishment and improvements
- Improve the committee room
- Install photocopier for use at regular times on payment basis
- Run sport and keep fit projects
- Make more child friendly
- Run health advice clinic for pensioners attended by a community nurse
- Consider lowering the stage and add an intermediate level stage
- Make better use of the rear areas of the building
- Install internet access
- Run a club for those who work from home

### Question 8

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

Open gardens	3
Auction of promises	4
Village raffles	4

Coffee morning	5
Bob a job week by children	1
Approach individual donors	3
Invite donations in village shop	1
Trusts and foundations	3
Sponsored bike ride to pub for lunch	1
Plant sale	3
Jumble sales	4
Sales of other merchandise	2
Apply to lottery	2
Safari supper	2
BBQ evening	2
Treasure hunt	1
Entertainment evenings	1
Car boot sales	3
Corporate fund raising - local companies	1
Dance night	1
Sponsored fun run	3
Regular walks	3
Book exchange afternoon fortnightly	1
Bridge tea	1
Charity clay shoot	1

## Question 9

Would you be available to help with any activities/fundraising ?

Offers to help in a wide variety of ways - 30      42%

Types of help suggested by individuals:

Use of garden

Garden open day

Plant sale

Pre bike ride coffee

Any work at events

Fundraising - assisting research on  
grant funding bodies

Coffee mornings - sales at fete etc

Bridge tea and help at events

Charity clay shoot

Musical events

Play and murder mystery