

Village Hall Update

Land Registry and Business Plan

The Village Hall Committee is continuing to progress the Land Registry update. Work is also underway on the development and review of the Hall's Business Plan, including identifying priorities for investment, maintenance and future resilience.

Priority Projects

The Committee has identified several urgent projects requiring attention:

- Replacement/repair of the flat roof.
- Kitchen upgrades, including replacement of the fridge and dishwasher.
- Review and improvement of the heating system.

Medium-term priorities include:

- Investigation of an air-source heat pump (ASHP).
- Potential installation of solar panels.
- Further accessibility improvements.
- Improvements to insulation and energy efficiency.
- Incorporating the Hall into wider community resilience planning.
- Consideration of a PA/sound system to improve facilities for meetings, talks and events.

Cleaning, Maintenance and Policies

Cleaning and maintenance schedules are being reviewed to ensure that the Hall remains well maintained and that routine checks and responsibilities are clearly established.

The Committee is also looking at purchasing new cleaning equipment and replacing/updating the Hall's Christmas decorations.

Existing policies, including Health and Safety and HSE-related procedures, will be reviewed and updated where necessary to ensure that they remain appropriate and current.

Recent and Upcoming Events

The Hall continues to provide a venue for a variety of community activities and events.

Recent activities have included:

- PLCT events, including an art show.
- Wildfire resilience activities.
- Work and discussions relating to WSRT/Goodwood sustainability plans for the River Lavant.

Upcoming events include:

- Community Café – 14 September, 12 October, 9 November and 14 December.

- MW's Baby Boomers fundraiser, 24 September.
- Sacred Singing with Ann Nugent, 26 September.

The Committee is also considering a number of additional community events, including:

- A Village Christmas Party.
- Talks from Brent Lodge.
- A talk by Tim Weeks on the history of the phonograph.
- A festive willow workshop with James, who also has a basketry stall at the village fete.

Volunteers and Trustees

The Committee is keen to recruit additional volunteers to help with the running, maintenance and events programme of the Hall.

The possibility of recruiting additional trustees will also be explored, helping to strengthen the Committee and provide greater resilience for the future management of the Village Hall.

Overall

The Village Hall remains an important community asset, with the Committee working to address immediate maintenance requirements while developing longer-term plans to improve the Hall's energy efficiency, accessibility, sustainability and resilience, alongside maintaining an active programme of community events.