

THE VILLAGE HALL

a focus on the Sustainability issues delivered since 2006

(to be read in conjunction with the [2] VH Surveys)

	Facility	Objective / Achievement	
1	Two timber 'workshop' sheds	Replaced existing small sheds used by the Ladybirds and the Youth Club that were in a very bad state of decay.	
2	Moved part of front fencing back	Done to improve the access into the car park with particular emphasis of attracting the mobile library van on site	
3	Removed damaged chain link fencing to the side of the Hall and replaced with a small patio area and post and rail fencing.	Improved the look of the hall and created a clearly defined outside space for Hall users such as the Ladybirds and private parties	
4	New Double doors leading to the patio area and new front doors.	Replacement of front doors to meet accessible access requirements. Patio doors to link the inside and outside space with easy access to the play area without the need to enter the car park	
5	Provision of CCTV cameras and security lightings	Designed to protect the facilities from regular acts of vandalism, to identify the perpetrators and take the necessary corrective action.	
6	Removal of flaking paintwork on external walls and render walls.	Stop water penetration and protect the external structure of the building from the elements	
7	Removal of fixed goalposts and replace with portable goalposts	Stop the excessive wear and tear on the grass within the goalmouths, stop the nuisance caused by the kicking of balls over the Causeway boundary fencing, stop the 'conflict of ownership' of the entire space by those playing football when other events such as fetes were in progress.	
8	Provision of new play equipment in the form of a Zip Wire and bird nest swing.	Part of the Playbuilder scheme where it was necessary to demonstrate that the items of play equipment met the outcome of being suitable for older children (12 and over) and chosen by the children themselves.	

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9	Provision of a fitpoint	A free multigym fitness facility usually found inside health centres that provided the opportunity for people to engage in personal fitness regimes.	
10	Development of a Wildflower meadow and access to the upper level of the outside space.	Opened up the outside space (doubled) to enable local people to enjoy the entire recreational space and to develop an interesting wildlife habitat	
11	Replacement of the old cooker with a larger 'range type cooker	Facilitated the development of the Monthly Lunch Club and other social events that had been curtailed by the limited cooking facilities.	
12	Raising the headroom of the kitchen serving hatch.	Identified as a desirable feature by hall users.	
13	New flooring within the kitchen, entrance foyer and gents toilet.	Replaced old Marley flooring with more hygienic and cleanable surface.	
14	Enclosure of the open drain from the urinals in the gents toilet.	Increased hygiene and removed 'smell' from the entrance area.	
15	Sealing off of the hatch to the loft in the foyer and providing door access between the two loft areas.	Increase safety of moving things in and out of the loft and greatly increased the storage arrangements within the upper loft.	
16	Bricking up roundel, inserting cavity tray, timber cladding to front gable end and new signage and A Board	Stop water penetration affecting fabric of the building; improve the appearance of the building, provision of modern building signage and an advertising board for users to promote their activity.	
17	Major renovation of main hall floor, sand and resealed	Protect timber flooring from the heavy usage.	

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18	Modernising of the toilet and washbasin facilities in the Ladies toilet including the provision of a new floor surface to cover the painted concrete floor.	Carried out as part of the provision of an accessible toilet and baby changing facility.	
19	Provision of accessible toilet and baby changing facility	Meet the requirements of the access audit and bring the facilities up to modern standards and to meet the needs of users (elderly and young children in particular).	
20	New doors between committee room and main hall	To increase the soundproofing between the two room particularly when two different users were using the facilities.	
21	Internet access including the provision of hard wire LAN outlets in Committee room and main hall.	Facilitate the development of internet use, computer clubs, drop in centre within the village.	
22	Purchase of four laptops	One provided as part of the 'Connecting Dorset' initiative, 3 extra purchased to ensure no limitation of opportunity for members of the community.	
23	New carpet flooring in Committee room.	To meet potential to offer a conference /seminar use and to reduce noise.	
24	Replacement of gas boiler	Necessary owing to failure of old boiler to meet current standards and the inability to replace worn out items.	
25	Provision of Constant Hot Water Boiler for tea/ coffee.	Reduce condensation from boiling water in urns to the fabric of the kitchen, ease of use by hall users.	

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26	Extractor fan in kitchen	Reduce condensation during cooking of meals etc.	
27	Removal of old fixed stage and provision of portable staging	Greatly enhanced the size of the stage area and the available floor space. Provides greater opportunity for innovation and use for other functions such as fashion shows.	
28	Provision of lightweight tables and a suitable carrying frame.	Improved manual handling arrangements, better and more flexible storage, ease of movement, lighter tables and more comfortable chairs.	
29	New folding chairs and racking to replace polypropylene stacking chairs.		
30	Conference style tables and chairs for the committee room.	Designed to meet the needs of the room and the hall users requirements.	
31	Major upgrade of the electrical system including lighting to meet current standards, and an increase in the provision of power points throughout the building.	The opportunity was also taken to reinstate the 3 phase system and remove a mass of redundant cabling (some live, some not) found in and around the building but particularly above the false ceiling in the main hall.	
32	Provision of a 'state of the art' audio lighting system	Controlled from a designated control room for major productions but with simplified controls outside the control room for more limited activities. The opportunity was also taken to run power and low voltage audio feeds in separate cable trays from the control room to the stage area.	
33	A hearing loop.	So people can hear.	

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34	Extensive trussing for lighting and stage paraphernalia both over the stage at the rear of the hall and at various lighting bars throughout the main hall.	Greater opportunity for a wide range of activities and also to lessen the need to have temporary cabling trailing around the walls and ceiling during a production.	
35	A portable screen in the main hall	To facilitate the audio visual presentations of many of the user groups.	
36	Raising the ceiling in the main hall	To replace old damaged tiles and to improve the internal space.	
37	Internal repainting of all internal wall surfaces.	Protect the fabric of the building and improve the feel and the look of the space.	
38	A new extension space between the main hall and the committee room with its own integrated toilet and washing up facilities	To provide much needed internal storage space but also opening up the opportunity for the users of the Committee room to be entirely self reliant on facilities. During stage productions it also provides additional and separate changing facilities for adults (M & F) and between Adults and Children.	
39	Provision of cleaning machines and appliances	Reacting to advice from professionals on the right type of equipment need to clean and maintain the fabric of the building. If it wasn't used so much we could mothball the Hall and save on wear and tear.	
40	and A MUGA	A multi purpose play space that can be utilised throughout the entire year and provide a wide range of sporting facilities including recreational tennis and netball free at the point of use and within the community.	
	These relate to items where the existing facilities that were subject to adverse comment by users have been brought up to date and future-proofed.		
	These relate to items where new enhanced facilities have been provided and there will be a replacement cost some way down the line. (but the items are all fit for purpose and have an expected long term life – subject to fair wear and tear and not being abused)		

From: Lyndsey Trinder [mailto:lyndsey@cfbdp.org] **Sent:** 05 August 2010 11:13 **To:** 'richard@firexcel' **Subject:** Grassroots Grants (GG483D)

Dear Richard, Further to our earlier emails, I am now considering your group's application, but it appears to me that the group has too much income. To be eligible for a Grassroots Grant a group must have income of either less than £30,000 per annum or less than £90,000 over the last three years. Your group had income of £81,000 last year and £159,577 over the last three years. As such the group is not eligible for a Grassroots Grant. I will arrange for a formal refusal letter to be sent to you, but I just wanted to explain why the application had been turned down.

If you have any queries about this please speak to my colleague Kathy on the number below, or you can email her on kathy@cfbdp.org

Regards

Lyndsey Trinder, Grants Officer, The Community Foundation for Bournemouth, Dorset and Poole

COMMENT:

Quite an interesting letter but things have moved on since the 5th August and in any case the £159,577 did not include the £46,500 allocated but not yet spent on the MUGA.

A further £5,000 has been awarded by Dorset County Council as part of the Playbuilder Project and a third Lottery Grant of £450 under Awards 4 All has just been granted (15/10/2010) in support of providing a fibreglass dry bonding system to the new extension roof with a 20yr guarantee.

Contrary to what was reported in a recent edition of the Reporter all of the above was not done out of greed but out of a need to enhance and improve the facilities of the Hall. Comments have also been made in various quarters about the long term viability and the possible financial burden on future trustees of the Hall. Well, you will see from the above chart that the onus has been on bringing the previously ageing facilities totally up to date, in line with the comments expressed in two major Village Hall surveys. Some items, such as the MUGA and play equipment do have a shelf life, but with regular maintenance and vigilance against the brutalisation they should have a very long lifespan. It is also very unlikely that everything will require replacing at the same time so a progressive replacement programme is feasible.

The trustees are aware of the position in respect of the Ladybirds and other large and/or regular users and nothing is taken for granted and other groups have already expressed an interest to use the Hall if the mornings are freed up. Also, if the hall is not being used so extensively it will not wear out as quick! Compared with other venues in the village, (Sports Club @ £8hr) the Hall's hire rates at £6.25 hr or £5.84 if advance block bookings are made does offer extremely good value for money.

Richard Lock