

## Literal responses

**Q9 If you have any further comments that have not already been covered regarding the development and use of the Village Hall, please detail below:**

- 1) I have lived in Maunby for 15 years and I was not aware there was a "community" village hall serving our village. How are committee members recruited and from where? In 15 years I have never received any literature/advertising about voting for committee members/joining the committee or about any activity/event taking place (other than for polling day) In my experience, no one from Maunby has been encouraged to use the village hall so perhaps like me many don't know it exists as a village hall serving three villages. If that is the case you may find that this questionnaire receives a less than enthusiastic response which is a shame because I feel it is vitally important for small villages to cater in particular for senior citizens and children/youths and had I known we had a village hall I would have certainly offered help.
- 2) GOOD COMMUNICATION WITH THE LOCAL COMMUNITY IS ESSENTIAL TO DEVELOP NOT ONLY THE VILLAGE HALL, BUT TO ENGENDER A GOOD RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE VILLAGES AND THEIR RESIDENTS. THE VILLAGE HALL COULD BE THE FOCAL POINT. A NEWSLETTER SHOWING ACTIVITIES AND CONTACTS AND POTENTIAL TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS TO USE THE HALL. WEB SITE NEEDS PROMOTING TOGETHER WITH A FACEBOOK PAGE BETTER USE OF VILLAGE NOTICE BOARDS SETTING UP A NETWORK BETWEEN USERS AND NON USERS TO INCREASE USE OF HALL AND CREATE A GREAT SENSE OF COMMUNITY IN THE AREA. I HAVE ONLY BEEN IN THE AREA 9 MONTHS AND HAVE FOUND IT DIFFICULT TO FIND OUT WHAT IS GOING ON. I AM HAPPY TO HELP IF I CAN (BARBARA)
- 3) I wonder if a village Fete with produce show might be popular.
- 4) I went to school in the hall when I was an evacuee and Newby Wiske school was not large enough. I also attended the war time dances.
- 5) Could have a group called 'Moorotters' maybe a nature group/history, crafts for children. Work with the local school and churches. Ask the school what could help the children develop. No need to 're-invent the wheel' but discover a need.
- 6) The use of a village hall is a valuable asset to any community. All sorts of groups are looking out for well kept, safe environments to hold events etc. and it would be a 'crying shame' for this village hall not to be developed and used by this and surrounding villages in order to benefit from this building. A village hall WAS always the 'heart' of any community and brought people together and we do not want to lose this or forget this!
- 7) I have used the village hall as a private individual as part of a committee for fundraising activities and meetings. I realise it is often a thankless task volunteering for any group but sometimes the village hall committee have been not as accommodating as they could be when I have booked the hall. Also if you can't get into the hall to get a booking form it's sometimes difficult to book - could these forms be made available online?
- 8) The current booking system for the village hall is over complicated and confusing and I think this has deterred people from booking the village hall in the past.
- 9) The hall needs updating
- 10) It would be great if some money could be spent on the village hall so hopefully this survey will help towards that.
- 11) We have only recently moved to the village and have not had the opportunity to see the village hall. We would both be prepared to help out with certain activities.
- 12) We've used the village hall since I was the boys due for youth club/discos, parties, etc. Expanding the activities available would hopefully drive more people to use it.
- 13) Activities need to be available for people who work full-time i.e. not just during the day but evening classes as well.
- 14) Advertise in schools, local papers to make locals know its available to hire (I didn't know)

- 15) Think it is very important to keep this community facility going. I understand there are grants available for improving village halls e.g. Sandhutton. Am happy to help.
- 16) The parking situation needs improving. Spaces opposite/next to the hall taken up by non-users of village hall at that particular time. Difficulty turning sometimes. A wooden sprung/partly sprung floor would be better for dancing.
- 17) Sorry to say but we have had no use for the village hall in the past and cannot envisage much use in the future. However, we will be happy to support any fund raising events which the committee decide upon.
- 18) I think that the hall needs redecorating to make it more appealing to the local community. At the moment it is varying colours throughout and very tired looking and unloved. This would also help with the 'smell' that there is (also as not used regularly). It also needs to be advertised more - maybe in church magazine or 'on doorstep'??
- 19) General decor - How many village residents would be prepared to give time (say over a weekend) to redecorate (painting, emulsions, etc.) the inside of the hall, if paint, etc. was provided by the committee? Could this question be put to the residents?
- 20) Always prepared to help. Never been asked.
- 21) Consider asking Rington's Tea to display and sell their teas twice a year as operated at Northallerton retirement flat complex.
- 22) Kirby Wiske Village Hall Committee organise community events including Beetle Drives, Plant Sales and Wine Tasting. These do not need much organising and by spreading throughout the year keep the hall in the minds of locals.

Kirby Malzeard make money from a bar but were prepared runs activities at a loss until they became popular.

People would feel more connected with the village if the Parish Council could be persuaded to publish the minutes of its meetings in "News & Views" so residents knew what was going on.