

Village Hall Report for Dalham Parish Council 2024/2025

The past year has seen a number of improvements carried out on the Village Hall. The main hall floor has been re-finished to prevent damage to the substrate wood, for which we are grateful for the £500 provided by Mike Chester from his Locality Budget. We have also installed a wall cupboard in the storeroom to enable items to be better located and avoid trip hazards. The lighting in the main hall has had wiring alterations followed by the completion of a high efficiency LED bulb upgrade (fluorescent tubes are now obsolete due to the presence of toxic Mercury).

The Village Hall Committee have also worked a project to install solar panels in order to offset higher energy costs and reduce dependence on fossil fuels. Following the award of a Heritage Lottery Fund Grant for the full cost, we have obtained planning permission and the installation is due to go ahead in May this year.

The purchase of a new sign for the car park with swappable artwork blackboards has received many favourable comments as well as an increase in car park donations.

Future improvements in the plan include upgrading the IT infrastructure to enable easy connection of modern laptops with the sound and video system, and work to be carried out in the garden to create a managed wildflower area.

Public events held at the Village Hall include a Barbeque, Harvest Supper, a Wine Tasting, a very successful Festive Fair and a Quiz Night. Additionally, the monthly Coffee Mornings have remained very popular and the Film Nights have had variable attendance.

The Hall continues to benefit the neighbourhood with the weekly Keep Fit, Pilates, Boxing and for a time during the year, Yoga. Additionally, the Hall has been used for meetings by the Parish Council (for which the committee is grateful for the £300 paid), the PCC, the Almshouses Trust, the Community Lunch Committee and the Gardening Club.

Private hirings for the Hall have doubled since the previous year and have included a number of wedding receptions, private parties and an NHS offsite day

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