

Other Halls

LEUSDON MEMORIAL HALL

Dear Yvette,

I have spoken to a few committee members and we can see no problems with having two halls, there is a distance between us in miles and we have our regular users who we hope would remain with us.

We play Badminton and whist on alternate Mondays, the hall has regular people who run courses on a monthly basis.

We run monthly coffee mornings and the occasional teas, regular meetings (church, hall and other groups)

The hall is used for parties, funeral teas and other occasions that require our well equipped kitchen . Our disabled access means that we can accommodate wheelchair users etc.

We see it as a sharing experience between two halls who's main concern is too care for our communities , which has always been Leusdon Hall aim, and personally speaking I am sure that will be your aim.

I hope this is of some use,

Best wishes, Norma

POSTBRIDGE VILLAGE HALL

Dear Yvette

Thanks for your e mail about the Widecombe Village Hall.

- 1) We have absolutely no concerns regarding the impact of a new hall in Widecombe.
- 2) We currently run various social activities , Quiz nights, suppers, dances etc. Also Whist Drives, Panto's, Keep Fit Classes. We cannot foresee any conflict of interest, as we are far enough away not to be in competition with each other.

We feel that a new Hall in Widecombe has to be a benefit to the area. The more social activities in an area have got to benefit everyone.

Stephen Arrowsmith-Brown (Chairman Postbridge Village Hall Committee)

HOLNE VILLAGE HALL

- 1) Do you have any concerns about the impact a new village hall in Widecombe may have on your own setting? If so, please elaborate. **No**
- 2) What range of activities are currently provided for at your setting and would you foresee problems if the same were offered in Widecombe? **local meetings - no, Whist evening; yes, maybe, Zumba/tai chi: unlikely**
- 3) Are there any services or activities requested that you are unable to provide which Widecombe could look to offer instead? **No**
- 4) Any other comments. **good wishes with this.**

Nicky

BUCKLAND VILLAGE HALL

No concerns about a new village hall in Widecombe.

At times, we would send hirers to Widecombe as it may be more appropriate that our small hall in Buckland. It would be good to have a larger hall in such close proximity at our disposal.

Local Businesses

WIDECOMBE SAILING CLUB

Hi Yvette,

Thank you for thinking of the Sailing Club as an organisation worth consulting!

I have several thoughts about a new village hall.

Firstly I'm very much in favour. This is because last year when I put on the Gigspanner Big Band I needed a venue that could house 200 in the audience and found nowhere on the moor that would do. We ended up at St Andrews Church in Ashburton. I would always prefer Widecombe events to be put on in Widecombe if possible. This means that a venue big enough for the magic 200 (seated) would be useful for more than just the WSC. Presumably other organisations would be going down the same road, looking for somewhere on the moor that big. So that's my first prerequisite.

Second prerequisite is the parking - if you're going to bring that many people to the village you need parking for lots of cars, probably more than the village has at the moment.

My third is good acoustics. I'm told by those who know that Lustleigh VH has the best acoustics in the area (although crap parking) because they were aware of that need at the planning stage.

I haven't seen the plans yet (and hope to at the meeting in a couple of weeks) but something that would be important to me - as far as possible - is the aesthetic values of the hall. Most village halls seem to be quite soulless buildings. An awful lot of performances these days are put on in old buildings - and as you know my gigs are mostly at the Cafe on the Green. The venue does make a difference to atmosphere for both performer and audience. So is there room in the plans for some way of building in character? Or is that too pie-in-the-sky?

My last point is that I do love the Church House, impractical as it is for Sailing Club events. I would hate this to be lost to the village through everyone else migrating their activities to the village hall.

Daf

CAFÉ ON THE GREEN

IN SUMMARY:-

I think that having discussed this with Liz (my wife), we see the Village Hall as good for the community, but potentially not so good for our business. As always one always thinks of "how will this impact on me". We think that if there is a negative for us, it is the simple fact that some events, meetings and community gatherings that currently happen at the café would migrate to the village hall. Almost everyday we have people from the immediate and wider community meeting for private, business and local government meetings. While we don't at present hold that many evening events, it is probable that the village hall would be the natural location to hold events, and no doubt it (the village hall) would wish to generate income to ensure its continued success. It therefore would almost certainly require a kitchen or the ability to provide some level of catering – which could and probably would impact on our business in some way.

Taking my business hat off, then I think that the village hall would be very good for the community. But it would require considerable finance to ensure continued success and ongoing upkeep, and it would therefore need to generate income, and how it generated income is the area that putting the business hat back on is where our concerns would lie.

Our very kind regards and hope all goes to plan.
Edward & Liz Corwood

RUGGLESTONE INN

1) Do you have any concerns that a new village hall in Widecombe could impact negatively on your organisation? If so, how.

No Concerns, Could offer opportunity to bring more groups to the village to use the hall, Which in turn could have a positive effect for all businesses in the village.

2) Are there any ways in which a new village hall in Widecombe could enhance your organisation and what you can offer? If so, please detail.

Could bring more custom to the village and through our door.

3) Are there any specific facilities or provision you would need from a new hall if you were to hire it?

Any new hall would need to be able to cater for as broad a spectrum of uses as possible, So as to attract as many users as possible to ensure viability.

4) Any other comments

My only concern / comment is how to ensure the provision of a new hall in Widecombe doesn't lead to reduced use of the current Church hall and Leusdon hall and in which case if it does what happens to save guard those buildings in the future.

Good luck with the project,

Richard & Vicki