



Horam Village Hall and Recreation Ground Vision Statement

What do we want to achieve at Horam Village Hall?

A hub for the growing community of Horam that provides activities that are close to home, where people can make friends and take part in community events. To provide a venue that it is fit for the hirers needs from private hire for parties to public events. To provide a local resource that the community is proud of. To be climate positive.

Where are we going

The population of Horam is set to grow with ongoing and proposed housing developments. We want to develop the village hall into a modern and attractive venue that has all the facilities hirers expect as well as becoming climate positive through cost and environment saving measures. We want to capitalise on our banqueting package, taking more bookings for weddings and special occasions, through marketing to this sector: we want Horam Village Hall to be seen as a wedding venue. In 2019 the new playground, outdoor gym and skatepark were installed, we want to develop the recreation ground further to provide a wide range of leisure-time activities for the whole family including new families joining community life and older residents. We currently have a vibrant football, tennis and bowls club as well as the allotments.

Recent achievements

In March 2020 the main car park (car park 1) has been re-laid and resurfaced, in 2023 we aim to relay and resurface the access road to football/tennis pavilion

As part of our climate positive strategy a new Tesla battery system, new hot water cylinders and panel heaters have been installed in conjunction with the existing solar PV system and loft insulation was increased to 270mm.

Re sanded and resealed the wooden floor throughout the village hall.

Purchased a 12 square metre 360mm rise stage kit with storage trollies which will make a pack away modular stage. This will allow stage productions to return to the hall and provide local entertainment.

Replaced all 21 hall windows with latest specification highly efficient double glazed units.

Installed a AED DEFIB unit adjacent to front door of village hall

Installed outside planters to enhance front entrance

Installed 2 outside table tennis tables

Total refurbishment of the kitchen including 2 new dishwashers

A new modular stage has been purchased and is available to hire

Village Hall roadside sign

What can we realistically achieve 2023-24

Develop a 1 kilometre long exercise trail/path around the recreation ground and pump track (GAP project). Apply for grants from national funders and access Community Infrastructure Levy (C.I.L) funds to fund the GAP project.

Manage the outdoor space (recreation ground) to increase biodiversity through improved habitat management and tree planting.

Purchase and install a cycle rack

Install electric vehicle charging points in the car park

Re-lay and resurface the access road from main car park to bowls and football/tennis pavilions

In conclusion

These improvements will secure the future of the village hall which is the fabric of rural and community life. The village hall is part of the recreation ground, with an improved interior and car park it will help groups/volunteers encourage people to take part in fitness activities to promote healthier living. There is also the benefit to people who volunteer/organise activities - as a resource it allows anyone to hire the hall for all kinds of public events such as charity quizzes, exhibitions etc., therefore increasing the footfall. The hall's environment will be improved for our current regular users, and we want to attract more hobby groups so people can benefit more socially, educationally and for better health

We have recently ensured a strong online presence using digital marketing channels and social media. This allows the village hall to connect with not only the local community but also people who are interested in hiring a venue.