Results of Village Hall Survey

Group Forms

A total of 19 forms were received – 16 paper forms and 3 online forms.

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1. **Parracombe needs a high quality village hall for use by the whole community. To what extent do you agree or disagree that these facilities are needed?**

Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither agree or disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
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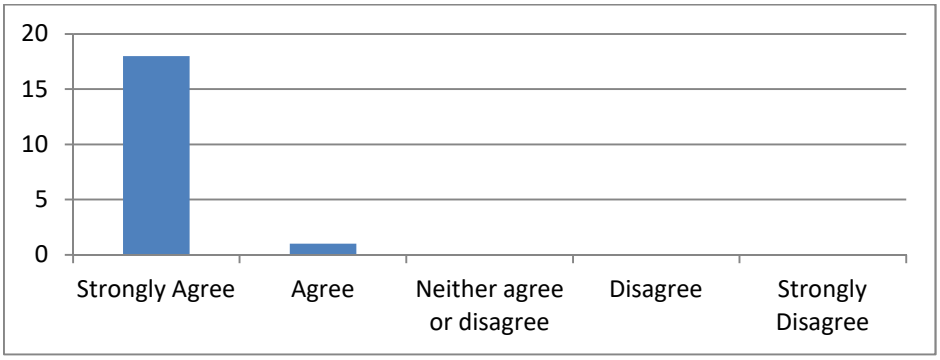
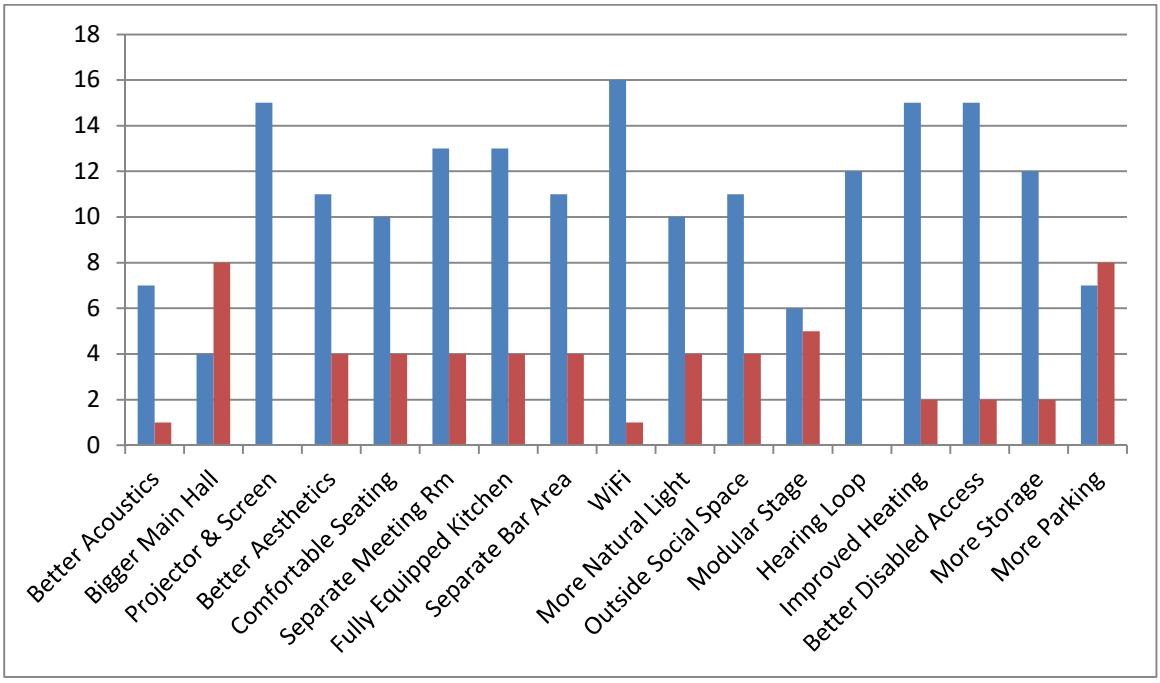


2. **In your view, what potential improvements are needed at the village hall?**

	Needed	Not Needed	No View either way
Better acoustics	7	1	11
Bigger main hall	4	8	7
Projector & screen in main hall	15	0	4
Better aesthetics in main hall	11	4	4
More comfortable seating	10	4	5
A separate smaller meeting room	13	4	2
Better and fully-equipped kitchen	13	4	2
Separate bar area	11	4	4
Wi-Fi	16	1	2
More natural light	10	4	5
Outside social space	11	4	4
A modular moveable stage	6	5	8
Hearing loop	12	0	8

	Needed	Not Needed	No View either way
Improved heating	15	2	2
Better disabled access	15	2	2
More storage with easier access	12	2	5
More parking	7	8	4



Please tell us about any other ideas for improved facilities that you think are needed at our village hall?

We have attempted to group comments into categories as below:

• *As the local primary school we would very much like to see the addition of a high quality sound and lighting system combined with new staging. This would enable us to hold our performances locally rather than having to go to Lynton.* • *This hall could do with a fresh coat of paint. Could also do with sound system for music*	• *Performers often require a green room in which to change / warm up / relax during intervals. It would be useful to locate a separate meeting room adjacent to the main performance area so it could double up as a green room.* • *Smaller meeting room with resource area - eg: laminator, paper trimmer, good printer for posters, flyers, etc.*
• *Storage is a big problem for us at the hall currently, increased storage would allow us to develop our range of gymnastic equipment.* • *Storage space for art club specific items such as table coverings, water containers. Also Ka / coffee supply.*	• *The current sq footage of the hall is probably okay size wise, however it is too narrow. Could lose some of the length but make it wider. We have been unable to put on certain events in the past due to the width of the hall - ie: dance theatre circus.*
• *Needs to be able to be used as a stage or to enable tiered seating for performances on floor level so everyone can see it.*	• *A purpose built bar area would add to events but that may be because I have only seen the temp bar when the kitchen was out of use.*

• *Small modular tables - eg hexagonal - that sit together and make larger units.* • *Smaller tables for Beaford events etc. More subtle lighting. Dishwasher - 3 minute cycle*	• *Toilet area improved.* • *Improved hot water facilities* • *Better toilet facilities*
• *Lighter weight furniture and trolley for easy moving. For older hirers*	• *Display facilities for village history / documents etc*
• *An efficient Wifi installation with screen and projector would also enable us to deliver high quality curriculum content in a way that is engaging for the children. These additions would also benefit the wider community and allow for closer links and shared events.*	• *It would be good to be able to hold Art exhibitions so some means of hanging pictures in the hall/on walls*

3. **Are there any other changes that you would like to see at Parracombe village hall which would make it better for your group or activity?**

• *Storage area*	• *Better heating facilities and floor markings*
• *Lighting that could change with the style required for each event and it doesn't need a large sum spent but a bit of neutral contemporary decor would help enhance the interior of a wonderful building.*	• *Boiling water tap for instant tea making. Plug in sink! Dishwasher.* • *Access to a cleaners / utility sink for washing paint brushes etc.*
• *Being able to contact someone at short notice to be able to use the hall, instead of looking on web site*	• *Lighter weight chairs on trolley to reduce lifting.* *Speakers, microphone & sound system*

4. **Do you feel current hire charges are reasonable?**

Yes	No
17	2

Please tell us more

- *Could be increased if facilities improved*
- *£10 per hour is more reasonable*
- *Too low - should aim for £10 per hour*
- *The community is already paying for the hall, thus charges should be kept at a minimum*

NOTE: The 2 "No" answers both commented that fees should be higher.

5. **Do you know of other clubs or groups who might use the village hall in the future if it was improved and modernised?**

- *Local Brownies/Scouts etc*

6. **Would you miss the village hall if it wasn't there?**

Yes	No
19	0

7. **What is the name of your group and its main activity? Alternatively, what was the nature of your event?**

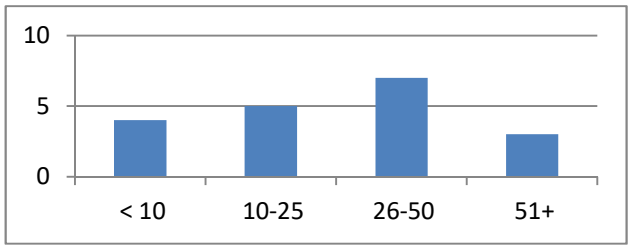
Private Party	Craft Group	History Group
Quiz Night	Rugby Matches	Young Farmers
Parracombe School	Beaford Arts	Zumba
Craft Group	Art Club	Parish Council
Christening	Private Party	Meditation & Mindfulness
Music Quiz	Coffee Mornings	Table Tennis

8. **Do the majority of your attendees live in Parracombe?**

Yes	No	Don't Know
14	3	2

9. **How many people currently attend your event / activities at the village hall?**

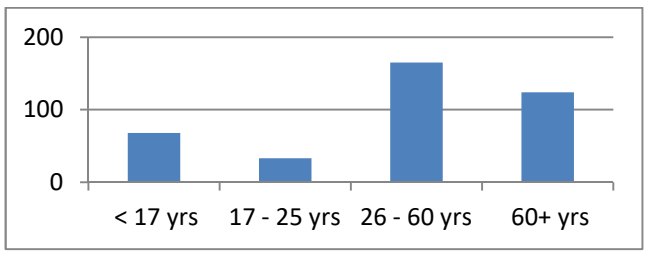
< 10	10 - 25	26 - 50	51 +
4	5	7	3



10. **Please tell us the approximate numbers of attendees in the age groups below:**

Under 17 yrs	17-25 yrs	26-60 yrs	60+ yrs
68	33	165	124

The above numbers are approximate because people had different interpretations on how to answer this question. The numbers do give an indication of the broad age ranges attending events.



If you have any other suggestions, or comments to make, do please use the box below:

• *A lobby entrance where people can buy tickets, shed coats, etc separate from the main hall. Perhaps have a cloakroom here or the toilets with hooks for coats so people don't have to have coats / brollies etc over / under their seats.*	• *The PAHS would welcome a storage area for our collection of village documents and objects* • *Picture rail / hanging facilities so that some of history group photo archive could be seen. Easy to change photo frames.* • *It would be ideal if the history group could use some of the wall space for a mini-museum, for some of the artifacts & documents we have gathered. It's already been agreed that history group archives can be stored at the hall, for ready access.*
• *Better and more flexible lighting options - eg: low lighting* • *Stage lighting & PA system*	• *Small tables so we can set up cabaret style. Especially good for music events*
• *The bar at the back of the hall, or better still in the lobby area - definitely not at the side where it currently is as it gets in the way of seating.*	• *Outside electrics would be useful. Plus a light in the car park, with a control from the hall.* • *Parking could be improved by extending metalled area of car park*
• *Open up the roof space. Greater height in the hall is more suitable for dance or circus events.*	• *The hall is ideal for table tennis as it stands*
• *Ability to take card payments.*	• *Black out blinds*
• *Occasionally the stage has items on it and ideally it being clear would be better for me as I use the stage*	• *A village hall is a vital space to have at affordable cost for community and school events, charity fundraisers, and private parties*