



# ACTIVITY IDEAS FOR VILLAGE HALLS



# Introduction



There are many different activities that can take place in a village hall or community building. From a coffee morning to quiz nights, music lessons or interest clubs such as photography or gardening, there is literally something for everyone in the community.

Our village hall and community building survey (2021) showed us that a significant number of village halls (28%) have reported some loss of activities from their building as a result of COVID-19, either due to attendee nervousness or due to providers taking the delivery of their activities online. In response to this we want to help and support village halls and community buildings as much as possible to rebuild back to the levels of activity they experienced before the pandemic.

We hope this document will inspire you to investigate new activities with your community. Alongside this document, we have produced a directory of activity providers in Cambridgeshire for you to contact.

# Social



- Barn Dance / Ceilidh
- Community Choir
- Coffee Morning
- Fish & Chip Supper
- Themed Dinners
- Harvest Supper
- Music social groups e.g. Ukulele Club
- Pop up Café / Pub
- Pudding Club



# Educational



- After School Clubs
- Music lessons, single and groups
- Orchestra
- School Exams
- School Lunches
- School PE lessons
- U3A
- Amateur Dramatic Performance



- Cinema Club
- Live Bands
- National Celebrations
- Murder Mystery Nights
- Rural Touring Theatre
- Armchair Theatre (reading scripts like a radio play)
- Board Games Club

# Sports and Exercise



- Aerobics
- Archery
- Badminton
- Ballet Class
- Ballroom Dancing
- Better Balance
- Boxing and Wrestling
- Clog Dancing
- Gymnastics
- Line Dancing
- Martial Arts (from Aikido to Tai Chi)
- Pop-Up Sport – trial of new sports
- Short Tennis
- Table Tennis Club
- Tap Dancing
- Virtual Cycling e.g. Love to Pedal
- Yoga & Pilates



# Food-based

- Cookery lessons / evening classes or at weekends
- Food preparation for delivery of hot meals around the community
- Cider making – sharing equipment for annual harvest
- Farmers markets / local produce



# Fundraising

- Bingo and raffles
- Cream Teas
- Food & Drink festivals
- Pop-up pub or Café
- Quizzes



# Clubs and Associations



- Art Club
- Book Club
- Carpet Bowls
- Creative & Craft Group
- Darts League
- Film Club
- Guides / Scouts etc
- Local History Club
- Metal Detectorists Club
- Model Aircraft & Drones
- Model Railway Club
- Photography Club
- Prayer Groups
- Snooker Club
- Stamp Club
- Whist / Bridge Drive
- Youth



# Private Hires



- Amateur Dramatic Rehearsals
- Bar Mitzvah & other religious celebrations
- Business Breakfasts
- Business Meetings
- Camping
- Children's Parties
- Music & TV / Video Recording
- Music Rehearsals
- Photography Session
- Training Courses
- Wake
- Wedding Reception





# Local Government and Services



- Elections
- Local Consultation Meetings
- Parish Council Meetings
- Dental Clinic
- Emergency Centre
- Medical Clinic
- Post Office
- Vaccination Point
- Veterinary Clinic



# Support



- Baby Massage Class
- Counselling (1-1)
- Dementia Music Café
- Disability Support Sessions
- Dog Training
- Emotional Support & Training
- Family Therapy Sessions
- Healthy Mums
- Meditation & Wellbeing
- Oddfellows Friendship Group
- Over 60s Lunch Club
- Parent & Toddler Group





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