



'Village Hall' Survey

Village Halls right across North East Somerset are an important resource to many of our local communities. I believe we must do all we can to help our Village Halls not only survive, but thrive, in the future.

Village Halls need to adapt, so they not only host 'traditional' events and services but also meet the new demands of changing times. We also need to look closely at how Village Halls and their activities are funded and supported.

As your MP in North East Somerset I'm determined local opinion about Village Halls is properly taken into account. That's why I am asking you, and other local people, to please complete the short survey below. I will be sharing the findings with local parish and town councils, B&NES Council and other key decision-makers and service providers. I want everyone involved to work together, not only listening to local opinion but acting on it too.

I'd like to thank you in advance for taking the time to answer the questions. Please return the form to me as shown overleaf. I look forward to hearing from you.

With very best wishes

Dan Norris

Dan Norris MP

1 You and your village or town

- a) What is the name of the village or town where you live? _____
- b) The term 'Village Hall' can cover a variety of facilities, for example community centres, Women's Institutes, scout halls, memorial halls, halls linked with Churches, Royal British Legion halls, miners' welfare institutes and so on. To your knowledge, how many 'Village Halls' of this type does your town or village have? *(Please tick one)*
 None 1 2 to 4 More than 4
- c) Approximately how often do you use your Village Hall for any purpose? *(Please tick one)*
 At least 2 - 3 times a week Once a week
 2 - 3 times a month Once a month
 Less than once a month Have not used it in the past year
- d) Some people say Village Halls are not currently fulfilling their potential. Thinking about your village, do you agree?
 Strongly agree Agree Don't know Disagree Strongly disagree

2 At present: Using your Village Hall

a) Below is a list of activities and services. **As far as you know** which of these is your Village Hall **currently used for?** *(Please tick all that apply)*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Music / dance events | <input type="checkbox"/> Mobile library |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sport activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Mobile post office or banking services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stage plays | <input type="checkbox"/> Farmers' / WI Market |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Film shows | <input type="checkbox"/> Polling Station |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nursery, toddler or play group | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Information Notice Boards |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community café | <input type="checkbox"/> Scouts, Guides, Rainbows, Beavers, etc |
| <input type="checkbox"/> B&NES Council 'outreach' One-Stop Shop | <input type="checkbox"/> School Holiday play scheme |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MP's surgery | <input type="checkbox"/> Computer courses |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clubs for Disabled people | <input type="checkbox"/> Fetes / jumble sales |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Citizens' Club | <input type="checkbox"/> Blood donation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mobile medical facility (eg GP, chiropody) | |

b) If your Village Hall is used for any other things not listed above, please give one or two examples here:

3 In the future: Using your Village Hall

a) The same list is shown below. This time, please tick any of the activities and services that you think **would be well-used if offered in future** at your Village Hall (*Again, please tick all that apply*)

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Music / dance events | <input type="checkbox"/> Mobile library |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sport activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Mobile post office or banking services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stage plays | <input type="checkbox"/> Farmers' / WI Market |
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b) Please state any other activities or services not shown above, that you think would be well-used if offered:

4 Influencing what happens at your Village Hall

a) Village Halls are sometimes run by a community association, a Hall committee, or the local parish or town council or other body. If you wanted different activities made available at your village hall, would you know who to approach?

Yes No

b) In general, do you think people living in your village could do more to support your local Village Hall/s?

Yes No Don't know

c) In general, do you think that B&NES Council could do more to support your local Village Hall/s?

Yes No Don't know

d) This survey is one of many that I undertake to help me gauge local opinion and help get real improvements for local communities. Being an MP it is not always easy to please everyone, but it would be helpful for me to know what sort of job you think I am doing. Marks out of ten, how would you describe my performance as your MP?

5 Other comments

Please use the space below to give any further thoughts and views about Village Halls and the way they can be helped to thrive in the future. **In particular, what are your views about how they might attract and secure extra funding.** (*Please use additional sheet if necessary*)

6 About you

First name _____ Surname _____

Address _____

Post code _____

Mobile (or landline) _____ Email address _____

Now please send your completed form to **Dan Norris MP, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA**
Or email your views to dan@dannorris.org.uk **Thank you very much for your time.**