

Hopton Village Hall Management Committee

Hall Refurbishment/Extension Project 2025

We have had plans drawn up for an extension to the village hall which we feel would offer a more modern and pleasant space for our residents, local communities and the general public alike to use. We are also trying to improve our potential for hiring the hall to raise funds.

All of these ideas and plans will be subject to funding.

We need to know what you think and if you have any different ideas.

The main areas of focus are:

The **roof**

The **toilets**

The **kitchen**

The **stage**

A **meeting room**

Additional storage

Energy efficiency

The options for the **roof** are:

1. Maintain the original structure but replace the asbestos tiles and remove the internal false ceiling
2. Create a domed roof to increase the height for games, e.g. badminton
3. Raise the height of the roof by building up the side walls

The options for the **toilets** are:

1. Refurbish the existing toilets
2. Build the extension which will house new toilets

The options for the **kitchen** are:

1. Refurbish the existing kitchen
2. Extend the width and length of the kitchen to allow for better facilities for events and hiring potential

The options for the **stage** are:

1. Refurbish current fixed stage to meet current safety standards
2. Remove stage and purchase a portable stage system, when funds allow

The options for a **meeting room/smaller usable space**:

1. Build the extension to include a small meeting room for use by PC, VHMC and small groups
2. Create a partition in the existing hall to allow for either two smaller spaces or the one large space

The options for **additional storage** are:

1. Use existing storage including under stage and the sheds behind the hall
2. Build the extension to give more secure, dry storage for equipment and to offer to long-term hirers

Energy efficiency:

The plans include cladding the building and adding an array of solar panels on the roof of the extension to make the hall more energy efficient and comfortable