

Leverington Village Hall

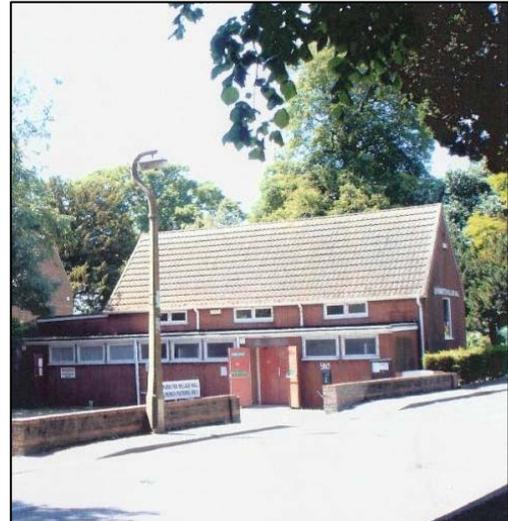
Funding for windows blows in on the wind

Introduction

LEVERINGTON is situated near to the boundary with Norfolk in the north of the county close to Wisbeach. The village is 1 mile west of the river Nen and has a population of 3,339. It is classified as one of the more deprived areas in the County, and the [parish](#) of the same name is a mix of rural village and rural areas.

The village hall was built in about 1914, but has been modernised regularly, especially in the 1970's when a new flat roof extension containing the kitchen, toilets and entrance area was added.

The hall is used mainly in the evenings by local groups and is the evacuation point for the primary school. The main area hall is one large room and this means that only one group can use it at a time.



The need

The committee wishes to improve the village hall including renovation of the kitchen and toilets, replacing external emergency doors, rewiring the hall and replacing the old heating system.

What was done

Leverington village hall has been a member of CCVS since September 2012 when they received help with their governance, adopting a number of policies.

The most recent activity came when CCVS were asked to help them with an application they were preparing for funding from a local wind farm. We provided several 1 to 1 sessions by phone and reviewed both the application and its second draft. This was undertaken within a one week period as the funding deadline was imminent.



Following this four members of the committee, including the chair, attended two workshops in Chatteris and Wisbech lead by funding advisors from WREN and the Big Lottery Fund. Committee members also had supporting appointments with both the funding advisors and with a CCVS development worker.

In total the group were in receipt of six 1 to 1 sessions, two workshops and two funding reviews.

The Impact/change

The group have achieved a number of changes and are well placed to move their project forward. As a result of the support they have received the committee

- have received £2000 to replace the windows from the wind farm funding that CCVS helped them apply for
- are considering making an Awards for All application after attending the Awards for All workshop in July
- are considering making an application to WREN after attending the workshop in September
- have been advised to:
 - Undertake a survey of the building to see the full extent of work that needs doing
 - Develop a plan of works
 - Prepare a project proposal

As part of all this work they will also be looking at

- updating the village plan
- carrying out a consultation with local residents
- consulting with the school head about how the hall could support their activities
- talking with agencies in Wisbech etc. to see if they may want to run outreach sessions in the village

Testimony

Ron Payne the chairperson of the village hall committee said:

About the recent help with funding,

“CCVS has pointed us in the right direction and been quite helpful”

About the support, newsletters and being a member of CCVS,

“We are very happy with the support we have received from CCVS in the past and ongoing. It is good to know we can go to them for advice and help”.