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Introduction

Tolleshunt D'arcy is a small village close to the River Blackwater, near Maldon, Essex. The Parish stretches from the banks of the River Blackwater all the way up to the adjacent parish in Tiptree.

It has a population of approximately 1040 people living in 425 households. Many live in small hamlets and settlements outside the main village centre.

The village hall was erected in 1923 and was already a second-hand building having been a former First World War building for injured soldiers. It consists of a wooden frame building which has been rendered and a further newer extension which provides a meeting room and toilets.

The village hall is managed by a separate charity established in 1923 which was transferred to Tolleshunt D'arcy Parish Council as Sole Trustee in 1970.

The Parish Council as the Sole Trustee has been considering various options to improve the existing village hall including refurbishment, re-ordering etc and consider a demolition of the 'old' building whilst retaining the side extension would provide enhanced and modern facilities for residents.

However, the first step in considering any future project is to gauge the needs and views of the beneficiaries of the hall charity ie residents of Tolleshunt D'arcy, and this consultation addresses this requirement.

The Parish Council created the questionnaire which consisted of 7 questions and provided for up to five people within a household to respond. Some questions allowed respondents to provide comment. Comments are included in the analysis exactly as they were provided on the questionnaire. The questionnaire was distributed by RCCE by post to residents and respondees were encouraged to use the Freepost envelope enclosed to return their response to RCCE. The closing date for responses was 2nd March 2018.

RCCE was further engaged to input, analyse and record the information and provide this report.

For the purposes of this report, comparison information has been taken from a Rural Place Profile produced by OCSI (Oxford Consultants for Social Inclusion) and ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England) which uses census information.

The number of questionnaires distributed total 420 with a further 75 issued to the parish clerk for distribution to user groups of the hall; the results of these respondents are separated from the main responses as some respondents will represent local groups and may have completed two questionnaires. 25 forms were not required for this additional set.

➤ The total number of questionnaires collected from the main group and returned total 172 which represents the views of 393 individuals.

- As a percentage of the total number of questionnaires distributed, this represents a 41% return.
- ➤ As a percentage of the number of households, this represents a 40% return.
- As a percentage of the total population, the individual responses represent a 38% return.

The figures from the user group survey show:

- ➤ The total number of user group questionnaires collected and returned total 24 which represents the views of 36 individuals.
- As a percentage of the total number of questionnaires distributed, this represents a 48% return.

Executive Summary

return.

There was a good response to the questionnaire helped by the postal distribution and availability of the freepost envelopes.

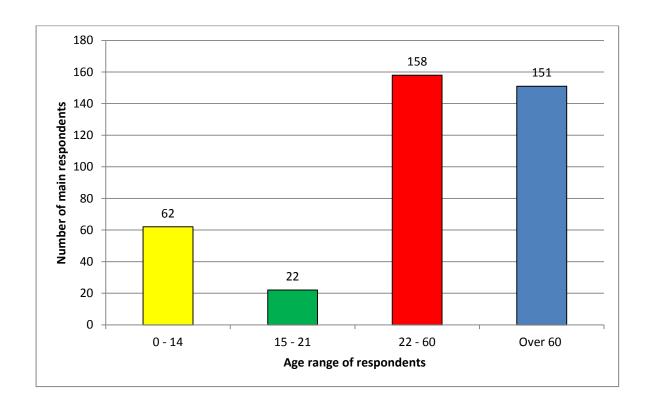
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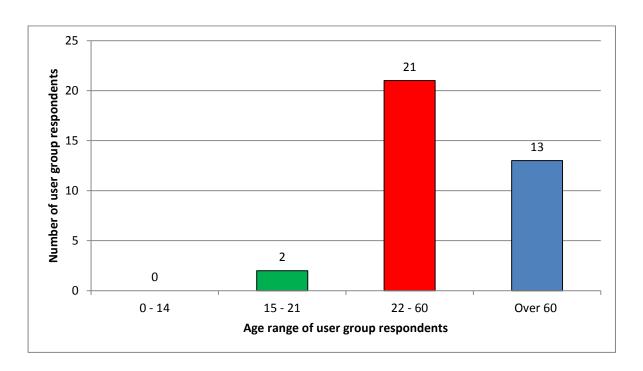
- The total number of questionnaires distributed to the main group of residents total 420. The total number collected and returned **total 172** which represent the views of **393 individuals**. As a percentage of the total number of questionnaires distributed, this represents a **41% return** (420 distributed to the main group of residents)

 As a percentage of the number of households (425 households), this represents a **40%**
 - As a percentage of the total population, the individual responses represent a 38% return.
- ➤ The total number of user group questionnaires collected and returned **total 24** which represent the views of **36 individuals**.
- As a percentage of the total number of questionnaires distributed to this group (50) this represents a **48% return.**
- The highest number of responses was in the 22 60 age group for both the main and user groups; the figure from the main group of residents (158) represents in total **15% of the population (1040)**;
- ➤ 6% of the residents in the 0 14 year age group made a response;
- ▶ 93% of respondents from the main group gave a response to this question which equates to 15% of the total population agreeing to the plans to re-develop the main hall; however this question only allowed for one person to respond on behalf of their household. 93% of the individual responses (373) would represent 36% of the population.
- A total of 131 people or 76% of respondents (172) from the main group indicated they use the current village hall.
- > 31 people from the main and user groups indicated the current activities didn't appeal or they were unaware of what activities were held at the hall.
- Residents use 37 other venues outside the village for their activities and the majority get to these venues by private car.
- > 85 people from the main and user groups provided comments on activities to encourage more use of the hall
- A further 66 people from the main and user groups gave other comments.
- > 52 people from the main group volunteered to help with the project; and a further 8 people had specific skills and expertise to offer.

The Parish Council will need to consider the future steps required now to proceed with this project. Some of the first steps will be to appoint a Working Group to visit other new halls in Essex to develop a Design Brief and RCCE will be able to facilitate this for you through our membership service.

Question 1: Please indicate your age and the age of other members of your household:





The highest number of responses from both groups was in the 22 - 60 age group which reflects the age of the greatest number of residents. It may have been expected that the highest response would have been from the Over 60 age group as this group tends to be the main users of village halls, so it is encouraging to receive this positive response from a younger age group.

It is good to see a significant number of responses from the 0-14 age range: 62 responses from the main set. This represents a response of 6% of the total population.

Question 2: How long have you lived in the parish?

The total number of years given by respondents number 4715.9. The number of respondents to this question total 164 giving an average number of years in the village of 29.

The shortest time a respondent has lived in the parish is 2 months and the longest time a resident has lived in the parish is 86 years.

Some residents gave one response on behalf of all members of their household.

The question asked for a response in 'years/months' however most respondents rounded up or down their time in the parish to the nearest whole number of years.

95% of respondents answered this question.

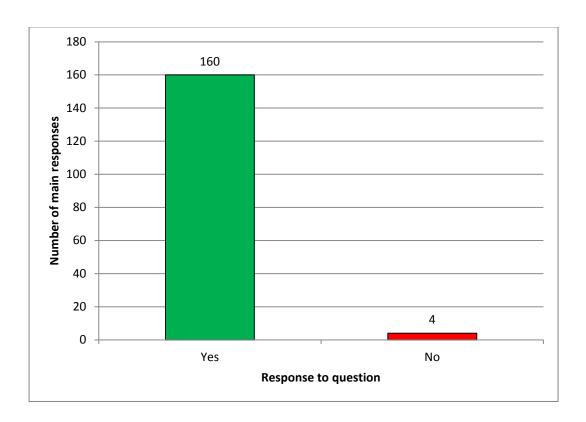
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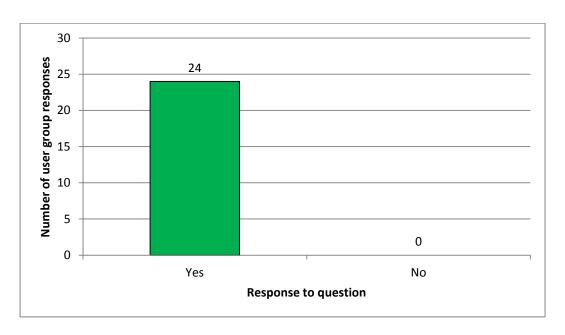
6 respondents from the user group survey indicated they lived in the parish for a total of 140 years giving an average of 23 years.

25% of respondents answered this question.

Question 3: Do you agree with the plans as described in the accompanying letter to improve the village hall?

Respondents were asked to respond 'YES or NO'.





Both sets of respondents indicated overwhelming support for the plans to replace the main building.

93% of respondents from the main group gave a response to this question.

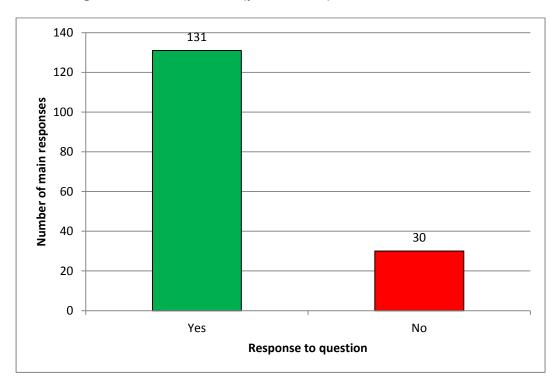
As a percentage of the total population, this represents 15% agreement to the plans. However, this question only allowed for one person to respond on behalf of their household. 93% of the number of individuals represents 373 people which as a percentage of the total population represents a 36% positive response.

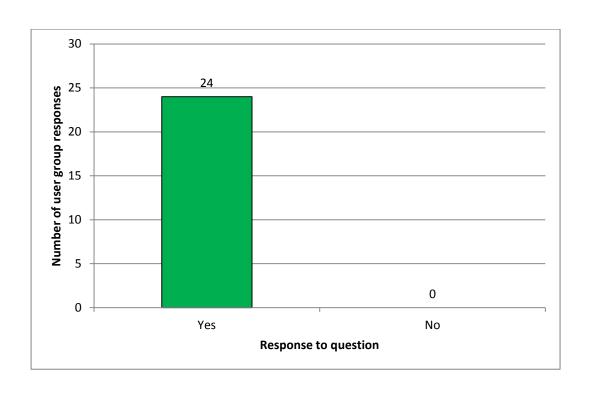
100% of respondents from the user group gave a response to this question.

Question 4: Does your household use the village hall?

Respondents were asked to indicate a 'YES or NO' response. If a YES response was given, respondents were invited to indicate the type of activity the household participated in (up to five people could respond):

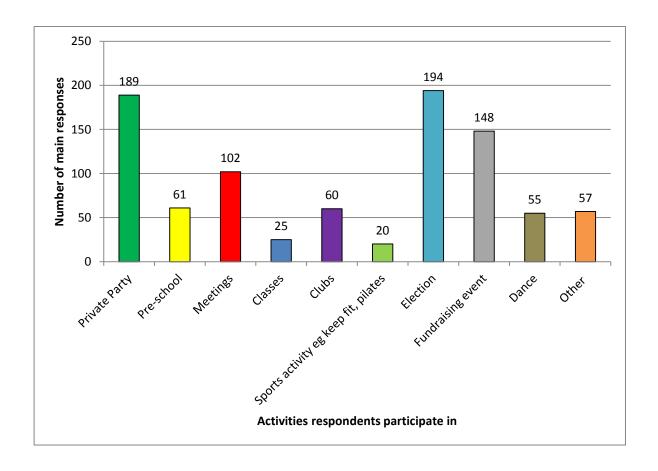
Private party, preschool, meetings, classes, clubs, sports activity eg keep fit/pilates, election, fundraising event, dance or other (please state).





As expected, most people do use the village hall with 76% responding 'YES' to this question.

Again as expected, 100% of the user group responses indicated they used the hall.



The most popular activity people participated in was to use the hall to vote in elections. This was closely followed by using the hall for private parties, fundraising events and meetings.

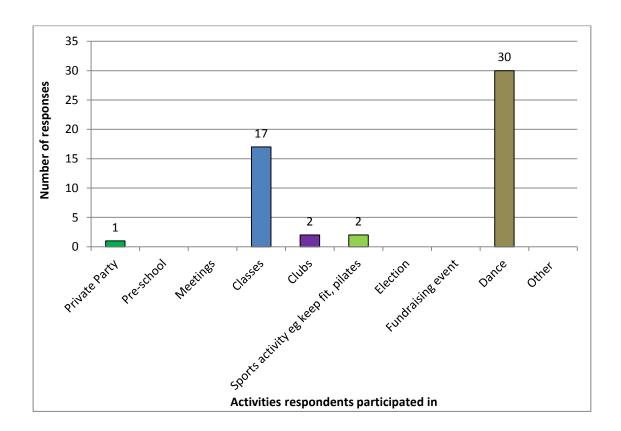
Although participation in classes, clubs and sports activities was quite low, these type of activities are important as they often provide an opportunity for participants to socialise, learn and provide inter-generational interaction perhaps not offered elsewhere in the village.

The total number of responses to this question was 911.

'Other' activities described were:

- ➤ Post Office 18 respondents indicated they use the hall to access the post office and this is obviously a valuable outreach service to the village.
- ➤ Other activities included: Playschool, social events, bingo, wedding parties, GP surgery, baby clinic, toddlers, bowls, Christmas and Craft fairs, Parish Council meetings, WI, quiz nights, billiards/snooker

Information from the user group questionnaire responses:



The most popular activity user groups participated in was dances and classes. There were 52 responses to this question.

Question 5: If you, or any member of your household, do not use the village hall is this because:

Problems suggested were:

- > You cannot get to the village hall due to transport problems
- You cannot access the Village Hall due to mobility problems
- You need a hearing loop
- You don't know anyone at the class/activity
- ➤ Is the Village Hall too hot? Or too cold
- None of the activities currently held at the Village Hall appeal to you
- > The Village Hall facilities are not maintained to high enough standard

The results from the main group and user groups were combined to provide the results below:

- > 3 people felt they had transport problems, mainly associated with parking once they were at the hall.
- 2 people requested a hearing loop
- > 12 people felt they didn't know anyone at the class/activity
- > 17 people felt the hall was too cold or never at a comfortable temperature
- ➤ 31 people indicated the current activities didn't appeal or that they were unaware of what activities were held at the hall
- ➤ 10 felt the facilities were not kept to a high enough standard with the condition of the hall floor (slippery) being highlighted.

Question 6: Do you travel to other halls outside the village to attend activities? If yes, please indicate the halls you attend and how you get there eg car, bus, lift with friend/neighbour etc

The results for the main group and user group are combined.

- ➤ 24 people indicated they did not travel to other halls outside the village to attend activities.
- > 37 other halls were indicated as venues people attended outside the village. These are:

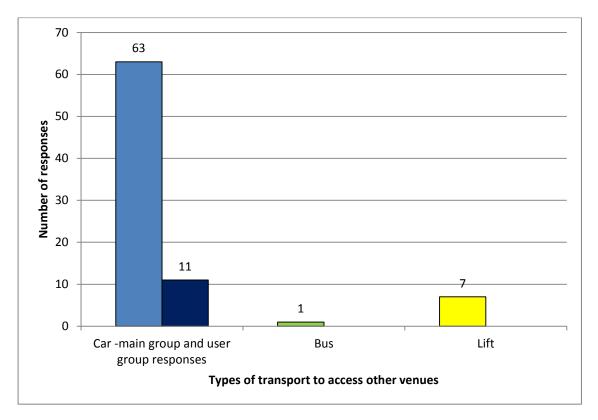
| Methodist Hall, Rayleigh | RNA Club, Southend on Sea |
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| Baptist Hall, Leigh | WI Hall, Chelmsford |
| Community Hall, Canvey Island | St Lukes, Tiptree |
| URC Chapel | Champions Hall, South Woodham Ferrers |
| Maldon halls | Peldon & Wigboroughs Community Hall |
| Various halls | Tiptree Community Centre |
| Marks Tey Village Hall | Danbury Village Hall |
| Tolleshunt Knights Village Hall | West Maldon Community Centre |
| Aldham Village Hall | Birch Village Hall |
| Tollesbury Parish Rooms | URC Great Baddow |
| The Centre, Tollesbury | Shrub End Hall, Colchester |
| Friends Meeting Hall, Maldon | Salcott Village Hall |
| Langenhoe & Abberton Village Hall | Weston Community Stadium |
| Wickham Bishops Village Hall | Tolleshunt Major Community Hall |
| Plantation Hall, Heybridge | Goldhanger Village Hall |
| Messing Village Hall | Purleigh Village Hall |
| Waring Rooms, Heybridge | Stanway Village Hall |
| Rowhedge Village Hall | Dedham Village Hall |
| Scout Hut, Tollesbury | |
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Of these halls, Tolleshunt Knights Village Hall proved the most popular with 30 respondents indicating they attended activities there. Other popular halls include Wickham Bishops Village Hall, Tiptree Community Centre, The Centre, Tollesbury and Tolleshunt Major Community Hall.

It's interesting to note, that of the most popular halls, Wickham Bishops Village Hall, Tiptree Community Centre, The Centre, Tollesbury and Tolleshunt Major Community Hall are all new halls or have had major refurbishments undertaken.

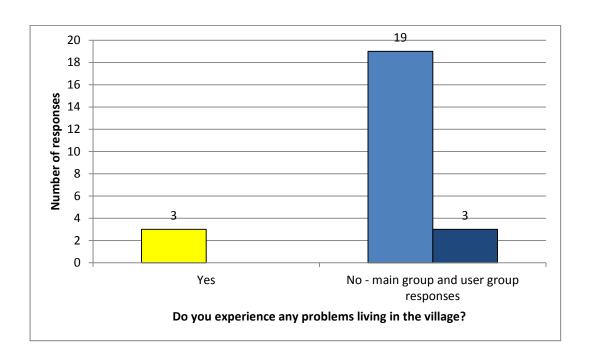
Some venues are being used for specific purposes eg religious activities, WI Halls, scout hall; some venues may hold specific activities on specific days which draw users in from far and wide – these activities may not be replicated at other halls if the activity requires the storage of equipment, or the space required is more than an average village hall.

How do people get to these venues:



As expected, private cars provide the easiest option for most people. There are 6 bus services through the village during the day mainly travelling between Colchester and Maldon. However, these finish between 6.30pm and 7pm at night, making car journeys the only option to access services and activities in other areas in the evening.

Question 7: Do you experience any problems living in the parish? What activities at the village hall would encourage your household to participate and use the hall more?



Respondents were invited to provide details of activities to encourage participation at the hall and 85 residents gave their views:

| 1. | As a newcomer, I find it very difficult to make friends in the village. I would like to see more social activities like Townswomens Guild, U3A, Flower Arranging, Craft Activities, Choir |
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| 2. | More classes such as WEA, U3A rather than travelling to Tiptree or Tollesbury. Maybe some kind of social club based at the VH |
| 3. | I live on the perimeter of the parish and therefore a long way from the VH. I am also 78 years old and do not engage in so many activities these days. |
| 4. | More local events ie quizzes, music |
| 5. | More child related |
| 6. | I would like to find out what activities go on in the village |
| 7. | Ballroom and latin dancing, talks eg local history, natural history |
| 8. | Sports activities and classes |
| 9. | Meeting people of differing ages. More activities during the day ie exercise class, demonstrations, coffee mornings etc and social events in evenings too. |

| 10. | I have lived in the village all my life and used the hall on odd occasions. |
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| 11. | Advertising sports activity |
| 12. | The pavement from the church to the village hall is narrow, uneven and very dangerous. |
| 13. | I don't think the activities are advertised very well. There should be a notice posted outside of what's on for the following week. |
| 14. | Martial arts, bindo, country & western each month, slimming world, line dance |
| 15. | A parish newsletter would inform us on events in D'Arcy ie Tollesbury magazine is excellent. |
| 16. | More variety of activities |
| 17. | Fitness / yoga |
| 18. | Prefer outdoor activities |
| 19. | Pantomime. Interesting talks or lectures. Plays and films |
| 20. | Better/more accessible Post Office schedule internet parcel drop. |
| 21. | Activities or clubs for children age range frpm 6/7 to early teens |
| 22. | A more modern building, with a high roof |
| 23. | No. The Tudwick Road is the best place on earth |
| 24. | Kids Clubs health clubs |
| 25. | Why are there two questions? The first is too open for example the pavements in the village are too narrow and there are not enough footpaths out to other villages. |
| 26. | Various Markets/ Farmer/ antiques/boot sales/music venue/ brick a brack etc |
| 27. | No Problem, but we have a car - problems are experience by people dependent on a bus service. |
| 28. | More daytime activity - ie coffee mornings monthly. Sdenior exercise classes |
| 29. | I would like to see younger people encouraged to use hall clubs/events 10-16 years old |
| 30. | Transport in always a problem |
| 31. | Family orientated funs days / charity Events e.g. Christmas disco . NYE Disco |
| 32. | Already involved in other commitments |
| 33. | No problems Love the village |
| 55. | No problems Love the village |

| 34. | No. Notification of activities held at hall. |
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| 35. | Clean and modern hall to host family celebrations. Line Dancing classes, Art appreciation classes, U3A. |
| 36. | More social events |
| 37. | No Love the village |
| 38. | Computer Lessons & photography Class |
| 39. | No problems apart from not having a doctors surgery |
| 40. | Computing classes (coding). Boot sales, licenced bar, First Aid workshops. Regular dance or entertainment evenings. |
| 41. | Dog Training |
| 42. | No. Open to younger people in village |
| 43. | No problems |
| 44. | No problems, fundraising events |
| 45. | School half term events |
| 46. | Exercise class for all ages |
| 47. | Rock Music venue. I appreciate that I might be in a minority on this one! |
| 48. | No problems, would like fitness and yoga for over 60s |
| 49. | No problems |
| 50. | Exercise Class, kids activities, quiz & bingo |
| 51. | No |
| 52. | More keep fit, For the more mature person! |
| 53. | Clubs for kids |
| 54. | Sorry too old now. Used to attend when Bob Lofthouse was active on the committee. |
| 55. | Bingo nights - would go more if the hall and facilities were more welcoming |
| 56. | Club activities such as table tennis |
| 57. | Exercise Classes, Quiz, takeaway |

| 58. | Yoga and fitness |
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| 59. | A more modern hall may encourage more hirers for parties |
| 60. | Badminton Club Craft / Book Clubs Quiz evenings |
| 61. | Yoga, Photography class |
| 62. | More classes in the evenings |
| 63. | No problems so far. Beavers & Rainbows (activities for our children) |
| 64. | No problems at present. Can envisage a time when lack of rules is a problem. |
| 65. | Youth Club. Fitness class, Karate or child sports class/ cooking class/ new yrs eve party |
| 66. | Some form of keep fit classes |
| 67. | No problems living here |
| 68. | Fitness classes |
| 69. | Not sure what is currently there, but have an elderly man in household (81yrs). Local service like toe nail cutting, social club maybe?? Village hall library - would all use. |
| 70. | Quiz Nights, Bridge Club Amateur Dramatics |
| 71. | 1, Line Dancing 2, Classes - various types |
| 72. | None problems. We use Toddler group and parties |
| 73. | No problems |
| 74. | Wider range of club/ options for children |
| 75. | Dance, Keep Fit, clubs, hobbies, children's club parties |
| 76. | Children's Fitness |
| 77. | WEA Courses |
| 78. | Daytime activity classes - Tai Chi yoga zumba pilates |
| 79. | As we said have only just retired and are looking forward to participating more |
| 80. | No problems living in the parish. A bar selling real ale would be good. |
| 81. | Craft Fairs |

| 82. | Yoga or keep fit |
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| 83. | I have children so would benefit from a better village hall. I am very crafty and like to hold events such as sewing and wreath making etc |
| 84. | Tai Chi Zumba dancing/exercise classes |
| 85. | Dancing |

These comments provide lots of ideas on new activities that can be organised and would be supported at a new hall as well as giving some insight into the problems experienced by many residents with getting to the hall and participating. Although this represents only a small percentage of the population, social isolation and depression amongst the elderly, disabled or economically inactive can be tackled and overcome through careful planning and co-ordination of activities and services and will help address some of these issues.

Any other comments?

66 respondents from the main and user groups provided their views.

| 1. | Things should be advertised if there's an upcoming event |
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| 2. | We do not think the village needs a new hall. The one we have is adequate for what the VH committee/trustees arrange events. There is also a hall on the Recreation Ground which was refurbished with public money and is also under used. Neither halls advertise enough. |
| 3. | The village hall plays a big part in our village life and we need it for the part it plays to help parents and children get together at social events. |
| 4. | I wouldn't like the village hall to be closed for too long for this building project. So I hope that the timing will be considered carefully and plenty of notice be given to regular users. I think the summer would be the best time as the pavilion could be used then as no heating would be required. |
| 5. | D'Arcy village is a through village dominated by heavy traffic/speeding/pollution. The church is viewed generally as historically decorative and theologically compromised. |
| 6. | The village Facebook page is never updated - this would be a great way of advertising the events in the village hall. I work in London so not always around during the week to hear through other people what's going on so advertising events is the key. |
| 7. | Our use of hall has been very limited as we care for aged relative. We do however see it as a vital part of the village community. |
| 8. | Not enough events in hall. |
| 9. | If there was a drum kit, my son and others, may use the space for band rehearsals facilities? |
| 10. | I have used the hall in the past, but would not recommend it, as it is very cold in the Winter and has no soul. The furniture is old. The Village Halls at Tolleshunt Major and Messing are modern and warm. It's a shame there are no coffee mornings for the elderly, not that I am one, |
| 11. | The Parish have really succeeded in updating the playarea and facilities however the age group this targets does not include ages from 9/10 to early teens. There are no clubs or outdoor clubs to encourage local children to get involved. |
| 12. | It's a shame that the developers have not contributed to the building of a new hall, they have made plenty of money after building the new homes! And we would have had a nice new hall for all the village to enjoy by now! |
| 13. | I'm too far away from the village hall and at almost 85 years old I don't go out in the evening. |
| 14. | If you had put the questionnaire on a separate piece of paper then I could have kept the information and contact details page in case of future queries. |
| 15. | Darcy should have a new hall, the present one has done well, but it is nearly 100 years old a new hall would be good for the people of d'arcy and the children |
| 16. | Am answering this with my 89 year old father. The village hall has played an important and integral part of his life. It is a place that brings people across the village together and he thoroughly supports this initiative to update / renew the facilities. |
| 17. | Regarding village problems. A simple bus shelter is needed, especially for the elderly & mums with small children, who need to get to the doctors surgery in Tollesbury. Waiting in the cold, wind and rain, whilst unwell would then be avoided. Better still, |

| | bring the surgery back to the Village Hall. |
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| 18. | Horticultural Society Lectures , Keep Fit |
| 19. | If and when you go ahead with a new hall, please make sure the heating is better and feels warm during the winter months. Not so you sometimes need to keep your coat on. |
| 20. | The hall needs replacing as you enter there is a definite smell of mould- rotting timbers - not a pleasant experience when attending functions or visiting Post Office (when open). This replacement is long overdue. Side extension doesn't need demolition as it is reasonably modern and could easily be incorporated with a new brick main hall. |
| 21. | The village hall is a vital part of our village. I totally support improving the current building. It is long overdue! |
| 22. | A really level floor would be an asset to the short mat bowels club, and a heating system that did not 'draw' the eyes as it does at present; Particularly if wearing glasses. |
| 23. | Would consider using facilities for the children - scouts, rainbows, fitness, bike ability training, art or a fun choir for myself |
| 24. | I attend the village hall weekly with my son for the toddler group (and did previously with our first born). It is clear the hall is no longer fit for purpose and is often very cold. We hired the hall in recent years for 2 parties but one hall lacks facilities e.g. fridge. We would most certainly use the hall / hire the hall more if it was refurbished, ideally new as proposed. |
| 25. | We are both in agreement that the village hall needs to be refurbished |
| 26. | We are on the edge of the parish and are actually closer to Tiptree than Tolleshunt D'Arcy and do not receive any notification of what clubs and activities are being held at the hall. |
| 27. | The village need a meeting place and having a hall for such is & always will be ideal for all. |
| 28. | We desperately need a New Hall, money is being wasted trying to repair present hall. |
| 29. | Don't really have enough time to go to any activities during the day and some evenings |
| 30. | I think the hall could be used for more things socially |
| 31. | New hall clearly needed to support local community. |
| 32. | It would be a dire shame to not have a community village hall in D'arcy. It is part of the wonderful village, along with the park and recreation ground behind. |
| 33. | It would be great for the village to have a functional, clean facility to use. The current hall is cold & dusty and lacking facilities. A hall with a clean functional kitchen would benefit many members of the village. |
| 34. | I never realised so much went on at the village hall. I hope we do get another one, and I will join in a lot more |
| 35. | Might use the village hall more if I knew what activities took place there and when, as have used it in the past. Definitely needs work done to it. |
| 36. | We got married in the village church and had our reception in the Village Hall, would be nice to have our 20th Anniversary party in our new village hall |

| 37. | I would hold my children's parties at the hall if it was improved. |
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| 38. | The village needs to offer more activities, such as those which take place at Goldhanger & Tolleshunt Major village halls ie yoga, film evenings, Art & book clubs, Tai Chi, coffee mornings for the elderly. Obviously this would all require volunteers to run them, which could be a problem. |
| 39. | We would have booked the hall, were it in better condition for our son's wedding reception. The facilities at Tolleshunt Major, and Wickham Bishops are far superior - hearing loop, kitchen etc |
| 40. | Would a fully functioning post office be possible? |
| 41. | To have a new village hall would be a fabulous asset to D'Arcy. |
| 42. | The main problem with current village hall is not enough parking and being so close to the road - Ideally the hall needs to be re-located to the site of the scouts hut, which is very under used and not maintained, with a roadway to it across the top of the playing field and parking established on the - again under used- field surrounding the hall. A brand new building could then be built fit for p purpose, for the long term future - An expensive large project. But the most logical plan for the next 100 + years!!! It may also be worth enquiring with the descendants of the original land owners if the village hall plot could then be sold as a building plot to help fund this new |
| 43. | I do not use the hall but think it should be made good for those that do. |
| 44. | Easy access to tables & chairs for events in the hall and for external events like the flower show / fete should be considered. Improved storage areas for existing groups. Is a stage needed? |
| 45. | No |
| 46. | The village hall is a great & essential facility for the village. However if at all possible could the following be incorporate in a new hall. Lighting - be variable, hearing loop, heating more manageable, kitchen updated. Perhaps a way of dividing the hall instead of a curtain (saving heating & lighting) |
| 47. | When our children were small, we used the village hall almost daily - toddlers, preschool, ballet, parties - I don't know what we would have done without it. |
| 48. | We have only lived in the village for 1 month but would use a new hall a lot in the future. |
| 49. | There are problems with parishioners getting to Tollesbury surgery because of lack of regular bus service |
| 50. | Please make the new hall light and airy with some parking retained. |
| 51. | Stage hardly used |
| 52. | Although I entirely agree with replacing the village hall I do feel the whole building should be raised to the ground and started from scratch. We need a kitchen complete with fridge/cooker etc. & toilets that do not flood. Also I feel parking at the side of the hall is unsatisfactory. |
| 53. | The heating burns from above and is freezing at feet level. The chairs could be more comfortable. |
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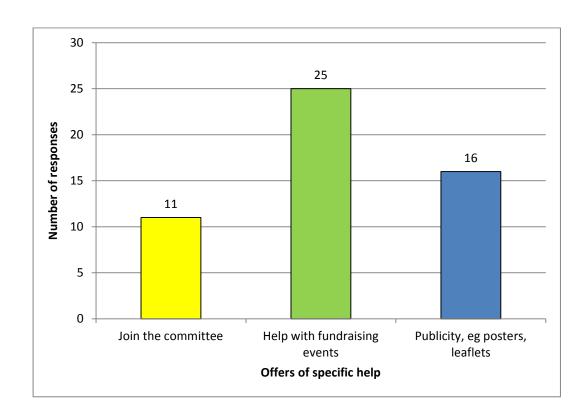
| 54. | I love the idea of a village hall - just never got involved. The new village hall MUST open out onto the recreation ground |
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| 55. | We do not receive any information about any events or activities |
| 56. | The village community needs this facility up dated |
| 57. | Would use the village hall a lot more for events and classes, if it was of a better standard. Living in the village with small children the village hall is very useful to us as a family. Would be lovely to have a more modern village hall. Feel its not used to its potential. Can recommend a brilliant builder Mr Mark Fincham. 07979863630. He's a perfectionist and not a big company so hopefully would beat bigger companies on price if the job goes ahead with a new village hall. |
| 58. | I think a new hall with better heating would attract more clubs & individuals |
| 59. | Hall needs a proper dance floor |
| 60. | Looking forward and hoping the hall gets the funding that's needed. The floor is in dire need of replacing. It is sooo slippery it's a little unsafe. |
| 61. | Dancing needs a good floor |
| 62. | Improve the floor |
| 63. | A better floor for dancing would be good |
| 64. | This is an awesome hall and needs the face lift, keep the charm though. |
| 65. | None |
| 66. | None |

Volunteers

Part 2 of the questionnaire asked residents to come forward to be involved, particularly if they had a skill or expertise which could help to the project:

Question 1: Is there any particular help you could contribute towards the project?

- a) Join the committee
- b) Help with fundraising events
- c) Publicity ie posters, leaflets etc
- d) Other, please state



In total, 52 people from the main group volunteered to help with the project in specific roles. This represents 30% of main respondents.

12 comments in the 'other' category attracted views on many different aspects of the project and people's involvement over the years.

| 1. | Already a parish councillor |
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| 2. | Help out if I can |

| 3. | Comments not suitable |
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| 4. | But can only attend evening or weekend meetings |
| 5. | I did 20 year + on committee: it is time younger residents took an interest in the community. |
| 6. | Moderate financial donation |
| 7. | Deliver leaflets, help in any other way. |
| 8. | Crowdfunding/crypto - currency fund raising |
| 9. | Proceeds from our Bingo nights & raffles go to village hall funds. Have done for the last 3 years |
| 10. | Apologies - cannot help at this time (2018). Might consider later if help is needed and circumstances are different. |
| 11. | We are Willing to help. |
| 12. | Due to retire in next 18 months I don't want to get bored. |

No user group respondents indicated a willingness to volunteer for specific or other roles which is understandable if they are already volunteering for their particular organisation.

Question 2: Is there a particular expertise you could contribute to the project?

- a) Architect
- b) Quantity Surveyor
- c) Project Manager building
- d) CDM Co-ordinator
- e) Accountant
- f) Other, please state

| 1. | Structural Engineer |
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| 2. | I work in Treasury for an insurance brokers - not qualified accountant but willing to help! |
| 3. | I'm at present on fete committee and would like to help out with this |
| 4. | 1 Chartered Institute management accountant (CIMA) |
| 5. | I am a design manager for a company within construction industry |

| | CAD Draftsman |
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| 6. | I was a banker for 40 years. Good with numbers |
| 7. | Typing & Collecting |
| 8. | Tool Hire |

Although only a small number of people volunteered from the main group and user group with specific skills and expertise, these are all very useful contacts to make and will need to be followed up and invited to a meeting to discuss further their involvement.

Respondents were invited to provide their names, addresses and contact details so that the Parish Council and Village Hall committee could get in touch.

These details should not be made public and will be provided as a separate list to the Parish Clerk. All respondents who have provided their details will need to be contacted to confirm and opt in to having their details stored and used for the purposes of managing this project.