



Community Buildings e-news

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Welcome to our monthly e-newsletter specifically aimed at Community Buildings across Warwickshire and Solihull.

Charity Commission news

Charities and trading

Rates, allowances and duties have been updated for the tax year 2015 to 2016. Find out if this affects your community building [here](#).

Charity reporting and accounting

Guidance that explains the different accounting and reporting requirements for different sizes and types of charity for financial years ending on or after 31 March 2015: [Charity reporting and accounting: the essentials March 2015 \(CC15c\)](#)

Latest news & updates

Landfill Communities Fund consultation

HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) launched a consultation this week on reforming the Landfill Communities Fund in order to improve the flow of funding to communities and prevent the accumulation of unspent funds in the future. This

consultation will be of particular interest to voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) organisations that receive, or wish to receive, funding for community or environmental projects. The consultation contains the group's proposals for comment, which include introducing a time limit within which LCF funds must be spent. The deadline for responses is 10 June 2015 (11:45pm). The consultation document can be found on [GOV.UK website](#).

Community cinema

Running a cinema scheme in your community building is a great way to bring people together and to raise funds. Rural cinemas are increasingly popular and for a small investment the rewards can benefit the whole community. Read a case study about how this was achieved in Hertfordshire on our [website](#).

ACRE update

A draft of cuts in red tape will make it easier for village halls to be the social heart of their communities. See the full article on our [website](#)

Funding News & Opportunities

Persimmon Community Champions

Max. Value: £ 1,000 one-off grants are available for local community organisations and charities that have already secured matched funding for local community initiatives across England, Scotland and Wales.

www.persimmonhomes.com/charity

The Harry Payne Fund

Value £250 to £1,000. The Harry Payne Fund supports causes in Birmingham and the immediately surrounding areas of the West Midlands, including Coventry and Warwickshire. It prefers to support registered charities or CICs but will consider non-profit making organisations provided they have a constitution and produce accounts. It supports specific projects and will also consider grants towards general running costs.

www.heartofenglandcf.co.uk/index.php?s=harry+payne

Funding success

Wootton Wawen Village Hall has been awarded



£10,000 from BIFFA to help replace the roof felting and associated drains and pipework. This sum will be added to the £10,000 received from the National Lottery in December 2014 and together with £6,000 from contingency funds,

will enable Trustees to complete the work in the coming months. Congratulations to all involved in this project.



Thanks to an award of £2,000 from the Newsome Vaughan Fund and the Heart of England Community Foundation Fund Tysoe Village Hall will soon be the proud possessors of a new stage as part of its £75,000 modernisation programme. The new stage will enable more

exciting drama and musical performances to take place and will be used for talks, lectures, meetings, exhibitions, music and dramatic productions, wedding speeches etc. New stage lighting, tracks and drapes are planned to bring the venue up to 21st century standards, together with new energy efficient heating and lighting, soundproofing and new disabled facilities.



Salford Priors Memorial Hall has been awarded a grant from the Heart of England Community Foundation to improve the energy efficiency of the building. The Memorial Hall has recently undergone a refurbishment of the internal decoration and also an upgrade to the heating

system. A more efficient and controllable heating system has been installed, and to improve further the energy efficiency, it is planned to improve the roof insulation to current standards. The Management Committee are delighted to receive a Community Energy Warwickshire Grant for this further work from the Heart of England Community Foundation. This will help make the building more pleasant for all the users and provide significant savings in the running costs..

Have you won funding for your community building?

If so, please pass on the good news as this will encourage others to apply.

Email communitybuildings@wrccrural.org.uk

for more funding news and information visit
www.ruralwarwickshire.org.uk/funding

Items for sale

Stacking Chairs

Salford Priors Memorial Hall would like to dispose of some redundant stacking chairs and would like to offer them to another community building or village hall.

There are 22 in total, Tommy Conference Chair model, with blue plastic seats and backs with black frames. All in usable condition but a few will need some of the fixing screws tightened up or replaced. A donation to hall funds would be appreciated.

Please contact John Bradfield on 07808 256257 or email sales@jbsigns.freeserve.co.uk for more information.

The aim of this e-News is to provide a summary of local and national news, useful information and funding opportunities. If you would like an item including in the next e-News please email communitybuildings@wrccrural.org.uk

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