



Hello!

As we return to a new "normal" and as Trustees of <u>your</u> Village Hall & Recreational Field (charity # 249510), we are working our little socks off to try and make your village hall facilities into a refreshed community space for <u>everyone</u> to use and enjoy.

Many of you will now have seen or heard about the massive improvement and internal restoration at the VH (redecoration; new doors, windows, heating, lighting, main hall floor etc) and the improving outdoor facilities and environment (new benches, trees and playground maintenance). Some of you may even be aware that we have started a fundraising campaign to reach an £80,000 target to create a new, bigger kitchen that can be used to benefit all user groups and events as well as enable a **Community Café** that can not only serve into a new internal cafeteria-type space, but also serve outdoors via a purpose built hatch! Other internal layout changes will also make the building more accessible for use by multiple activities at the same time.

With our formal architect plans and the support from our local Mendip district councillors (Sam & Josh) along with the Parish Council we are in a good position to achieve. Multiple grant applications are in progress to help us get to our target. However, many grants require 'match funding' which means they will only match what we can raise ourselves, so this is where you can really help! We will be hosting a number of events over the coming months (keep an eye on local notice boards, the parish magazine (Beacon) and/or social media) through which we would like to ask for your support and where possible, your donations .. no matter how small.

The first event, the **Cloud9 live music event shown overpage**, on Friday, 15th October is set to be a lovely, relaxed night of great music, singing and dancing – please come and join us. If this not for you or you simply can't make it, please consider making a donation to give your village hall a new purpose and extend its longevity for all. Get in touch via aandovillagehall@gmail.com or contact Andy North (Chairman) on 07853 112241

Thank you!

Andy North

Chair of Ashwick & Oakhill Village Hall & Recreational Field Committee