

COMMUNITY HALL SURVEY

TYPE OF HIRER/COMMUNITY MEMBER	RESPONSE
Regular Hirer	<p>As you know, I am a minor player at the Community Hall. The hall is exactly what I need for my dance classes, its the right size and well situated for my client base. The heating wasn't too much of a problem, as we are moving. I would be sorry to lose it as a venue. I am obviously not in a position to invest in any upgrade.</p> <p>I await the council's decision.</p>
Regular Hirer	<p>Thank you for your email regarding the Teynham Community Hall. I run the Teynham Short Mat Bowls Club, twice a week. Thursday afternoons and Friday evenings. We have been going for over 30 years and it would be a blow if we had to relinquish this pastime in Teynham.</p> <p>Not sure if you have looked into obtaining a national lottery grant to help with the costs of repairs, and they help with Community issues. The heating definitely needs to be looked into, as it does get cold in there. Also, you may be able to apply for the new Queen Elizabeth 2nd charity which is for community projects/purposes. There are a couple of links I've been given... tnlcommunityfund.org.uk. AND queenelizabeth.org... and funding for community buildings uk.</p> <p>We very much want to stay at the hall and will try to do what needs to be done.</p>
Regular Hirer	<p>Lynsted with Teynham WI use the hall for their meeting once a month and have done for many years.</p> <p>We would be devastated for our members and the wider community if it was to close.</p> <p>The priority to make the hall more useful is to renew the heating with an energy efficient system. Which hopefully would receive a grant.</p>

	<p>It could be made more attractive with redecorating inside and out especially the entrance as this is where you get the first impression of the hall.</p> <p>We would support investment in the building.</p>
Community Member	<p>With regard to today's Facebook post regarding the future of the community hall, I would be interested to know if there was the possibility to repurpose it to a doctor's surgery. I assume that there is sufficient capacity at the alternative hall in Teynham to meet local demand for hall hire and therefore it would make great use of this space.</p>
Community Member	<p>I would like to put forward a suggestion for the Hall to be used for the older generation.</p> <p>We lost The Belle Friday Centre a good few years back.</p> <p>This was an absolute lifeline for older members of the community, my nan and her sister used to attend everyday!</p> <p>And when they had to move to the Faversham site it just wasn't the same for them.</p> <p>They would play cards, knit, make cards, even a storytime, sing and laugh, reminisce over old times as a lot of them grew up together.</p> <p>People would attend and give talks and flower demo's.</p> <p>There was a kitchen which provided a hot meal for them, for some this is the only time they receive a hot meal.</p> <p>Its good for the brain and stimulates them.</p> <p>Socialising is good for depression and creates confidence.</p>

	<p>I could go on & on.</p> <p>But I do feel as Teynham is growing this is something that is desperately missing.</p>
Hirer	<p>The community hall is the better hall in my opinion as u can never get hold of the big hall or I've never been able to get it for wedding parties or christening and other family events got so many memories I've had this hall for my wedding baby showers funerals it would be such a shame to see it go</p>
Hirer	<p>Hi I believe this would be a very big loss to the village the other Hall is so expensive and hard to get for dates as it has a lot of long-standing customers that use it and will not move their times or dates for a one of event. in like the users of the community hall. we once hired the community Hall for a family wedding and had it all weekend from Friday to Sunday lunch to ease stress of clean up on the day of the wedding. i have since used hall for baby showers and the like.</p>
Regular Hirer	<p>I'm just dropping you an email regarding the post about the community hall at Crossroads.</p> <p>We currently use the hall every Wednesday morning during term time for our Stay and Play group for babies through to preschool children (up to 5 years old). It is a very popular group for mums, dads, parents, carers and nannies to bring their young children to socialise, while also giving the adults an opportunity to socialise and support one another.</p> <p>It would be a real shame if the hall were to close, as we wouldn't be able to use the other hall due to storage needs and, personally, I feel it would be too large for the type of group we run. Our group is run by myself, Rowena and Tracy, and it has a lovely friendly atmosphere. The parents who attend are all very supportive and help with setting up and tidying away each week.</p> <p>I really feel it would be a loss to the community and to the children growing up in the village if the hall were to close. I would like to see the heating improvements carried out and the other issues continue to be monitored and addressed moving forward.</p>

	<p>One of the parents who attends the group has a friend who owns a plumbing and heating company, and he has said he would be happy to provide a quote. I'm not sure if that is something you would consider, but I can ask him to contact you directly if that would help. It may potentially be more cost-effective than the original quote received.</p> <p>I also attend the parish council coffee mornings when I can, and they are always very popular. I think the older generation who attend those sessions would really struggle if the hall closed, especially as they already miss it during the summer holiday closures. That is why it is now run throughout most of the year, apart from bank holidays.</p> <p>There are also several other groups who regularly use the hall, such as Friendly Faces, the WI and the bowlers. I wondered whether introducing a small annual storage fee for groups using cupboards or storage areas might help bring in a little extra income. Obviously this would affect our group too, but I just wanted to suggest it as another possible option.</p> <p>I also think the décor inside could perhaps be updated in the future to make it feel more modern and appealing to potential hirers — maybe with more neutral colours rather than the current purple and green. The outside could also do with a little freshening up, although I know work is already being done on that.</p> <p>These are just my views as a hirer of the hall for Stay and Play, but overall I really hope it can remain open, as it would be a real shame for the community to lose such a valuable space.</p>
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