

Hindmarsh Hall - Results of survey September 2017.

Completed surveys – 25.

Have you attended any functions at the Hindmarsh Hall? 100% Yes

What events do you find most enjoyable?

Quiz – **24%**. Performances (theatre, music, & entertainment) – **36%**. Messy Church – **8%**. Coffee Mornings – **32%**. Art and Craft fair / festivals – **44%**. Weddings – **8%**. Children's Parties – **4%**. Adult parties – **12%**. Exercise – **4%**.

Are events publicised enough? Yes - **60%** / No - **4%** / Not sure – **8%**

How might advertising and promoting of events be improved?

More professional design of posters. Local newspapers. Flyers in supermarkets. Banners at roundabouts. Social media sites. Village website – 8%. Village noticeboards improved – 8% (also better access to noticeboard beside the Post Office – suggestions to move the seat). Email liaison with 'Friends of the Hindmarsh Hall'. A-frames in village for events. Gazette. Regular village newsletter entry – 12%.

Which age group are you ?

under 30 – 4%. 31-50 – 4%. 51-70 – 56%. older than 70 - 36%. (92% over 50).

Do you like attending functions :

Morning : 28%. Afternoon : 48%. Evening : 52%. 32% - any time. Weekends – 8%.

What events would you like the hall used for?

Fitness Classes (+ Yoga and Zumba) – 32%. Race Night – 4%. Ballroom / Salsa classes – 8%. Film nights – 32%. Talks (history, guest speakers etc) – 8%. Local village show (veg, fruit, flowers etc) – 8%.

Other suggestions : Wine / Gin tasting, Comedy, Table Tennis, Badminton / 5 a side, Hairdresser, Craft workshops, Community library / Book sales, Antique/Vintage Fair, Indoor bowls, Weddings.

A suggestion for a fundraiser would be :

Race night – 16%. Concerts – (piano / jazz etc) – 4%. Auction of favours or items – 12%. Large raffle – 12%. 100 club – 8%.

Other suggestions – Buy a plank, Donations boxes in pubs etc, Legacies and Voluntary donations when hiring (optional), Monthly soup lunch, Sponsored Walk, Murder Mystery,

Panto, Children's Parties, Running a bar instead of BYO – much more profit, Beer and Bingo night, Quality rock band.

What is working well at the Hindmarsh Hall at the moment? :

The committee – well run. Community support – we have a valuable asset. Promotion of events. Lent lunches and WI. Messy Church – well attended with good support. Well run for community events. Everything about the space works well. Coffee mornings, craft and arts events. Quiz nights. A variety of events that are well attended. Ability to hire for children's parties.

Areas for development at the Hindmarsh Hall are :

Lose the strip lights in the foyer – for something more sophisticated. Change front doors – easier access. Adult education. Layout – storage and heating. Baby changing. The proposed development. Cleaning and decorating – new carpet, clean windows, new carpets – 16%. Coordinate artwork better. Enthusing the community to use the hall and get involved.

As a result of this survey we can report that the following points are already being addressed :

- The entrance foyer will be brightened up, with decoration to the doors and noticeboards outside too. Lights will be changed.
- New cladding on the entrance walls to cover and distract from damp plasterwork.
- New blinds to replace the curtains in the lower hall.
- Removal and reorganisation of artwork within the building.
- New signage.
- A diary of events.

The fundraising sub-committee are working extremely hard to provide a whole year of events each month as we start a fundraising campaign for the floor replacement upstairs. More details to follow next month.

Many thanks to all those who responded.

