

DEVORAN VILLAGE HALL

Our project is to install a Broadband Connection into the Village Hall. This facility will be available for use by anyone in the community and would be very useful for anyone without a connection in their own property or for visitors wanting to get online. In our recent survey asking what people would like to see in their Village Hall this was the most requested facility.

This project will also aim to help anyone in the Community who is not already computer literate to become so. We aim to organise computer classes and already have a tutor lined up. We will also have a 'Computer Buddy' system in place where a group of local people will be willing to be on hand to offer help if and when required.

As more and more official forms and applications become compulsory online, computer use will be an essential part of life. Shopping online for those unable to travel can be useful and keeping in touch with relatives, maybe by Skype can be a pleasure.

More often than not, our Hall is in use several times a day with numerous clubs and societies using the facilities. The use of broadband will be a great advantage for research and learning for some of these users and an essential requirement for the younger generation who want their phones and tablets to work in most places.

Our aim is to have this facility in place in 2015. Having Broadband may get us some business bookings in the Lower Hall which would boost income giving extra cash for the upkeep of the Hall.

Devoran Village Hall is the Official Village Emergency Base for use in case of any emergency situation or disaster. Hopefully it will never be needed for this use, but if ever it was a Broadband facility could be essential.

Finally, though this is not a reason for the installation, having this facility in the Hall will be another point in our favour when applying for grants for our planned, very much needed, refurbishment.

We thank the Parish Council for giving us the opportunity to try for this grant.

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Secretary, Devoran Village Hall