

SUCCESS STORY

Featured Organisation: Bishopstone Village Hall

Bishopstone Village Hall is the heart of the village. To maintain the hall, which was built in 1927, the trustees have for many years operated several strategies to supplement income from hiring the hall. These include: the village 100 Club and organised quizzes, film nights, jumble sales, BBQs, treasure hunts and Christmas bazaars. These help to provide the financial means to meet the ever increasing running and maintenance costs of the hall. Groups currently hiring the hall include; an Art Group, a Table Tennis Club, Coffee Morning Group, Elderly Residents Lunch Group, Toddler Group, Yoga, WI (Women's Institutes) and the Parish Council. Aside from these groups the hall is often hired for children's birthday parties and other family celebrations as well as being a polling centre for national and local elections. Supervised by a committee and using local professionals "press ganged" into lending their expertise, we have recently made a number of improvements to the building including disabled WC facilities, better insulation for the building, various structural repairs, an extension to the car park, and a complete remodelling of the interior of the main hall including the removal of an old suspended ceiling to reveal the hitherto hidden splendour of the original vaulted ceiling to the building.



What was the challenge?

After our initial fundraising activities had raised a certain amount of money, we sought the guidance of Community Impact Bucks to see how we could raise further funds to expand our project.

Support from Community Impact Bucks

Community Impact Bucks were instrumental in making us think bigger and better and helping us tailor our fundraising documents to suit the specific needs of different fundraising bodies. Community Impact Bucks then helped us to attend events where we could match our project with funders who would support our vision.



What difference did this make?

Without the help of Community Impact Bucks we would not have considered a lot of the organisations that we approached for funds. We would also not have thought of modifying our documents to focus on the particular priorities of different funding bodies. That is not to say that all the organisations that we approached gave us funding, in fact far from it. What the help from Community Impact Bucks did do however, was make us able to approach more organisations and for us to be more focussed in our approach to them.



Quote from charity:

“Fundraising for any type of project is a daunting task, where to start is the hardest part. Community Impact Bucks helped us with that first step and gave us direction which has ultimately resulted in a bigger and better project than we had originally envisioned.” **Mark Turner, Project Manager.**



Summary from CIB:

Bishopstone Village Hall committee really impressed us with their well-planned approach and were very responsive to the suggestions we made. Their thorough and organised fundraising campaign has been a great success and has resulted in a beautifully refurbished building which is a great asset for the whole community.

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