



Ibberton, Belchalwell & Woolland Village Hall Audio Visual Upgrade

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Second Successful National Lottery Awards for All Grant

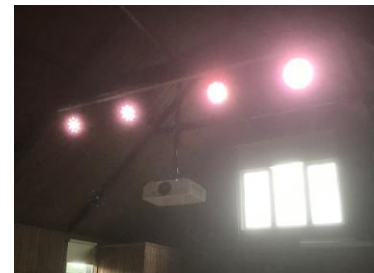
Thank you again to the National Lottery Community Fund and the Lottery players for enabling our 131-year-old corrugated iron clad village hall to further update for the 21st century. The project consisted of replacing the stage lanterns with LED equipment and its accompanying wiring and control, installing an electric film screen and projector and integrating this into our existing audio system which now has Bluetooth capability. This has enabled the hall to replace the previous portable film screen and projector (Acquired by a Grassroots Grant in 2010), to meet sustainable low carbon standards ease of use.

Our hall, located in rural North Dorset, was constructed originally in 1892 as a temporary church for the Parishes of Belchalwell & Ibberton when both churches fell into disrepair. In 2001 we were fortunate to be awarded a Community Lottery Award in 2001 to completely refurbish our much-loved building with a timber interior. This included completely refurbishing the kitchen, installing central heating and toilets along with insulation. A portable stage, disability access, tarmacked car park, additional furniture and chairs were also installed / purchased.



This new upgraded equipment will enable the Trustees and committee of Ibberton, Belchalwell & Woolland Village Hall to actively seek ideas to bring the community together, for example, films, theatre and live music and to maintain the building for hiring as a local resource for clubs, classes, parties, meetings etc. and commercial uses. The Trustees and management committee realised that opportunities have been lost, 'to bring meetings, lectures and classes, other forms of recreation and leisure-time occupation, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the

inhabitants,' our Charity's objective, by being unable to offer this integrated sound / visual system.



This project has enabled our hall to continue our relationship with Artsreach (charity funded by Arts Council England and Dorset Council that twins with rural communities to bring creative and cultural experiences that enrich and positively impact the lives of people in Dorset, including music, theatre and dance plus workshops and activities for young people) and Film Bank <https://www.filmbankmedia.com/films/> being

able to bring the big screen to our small hall. It will be strengthened by adding film festivals and a filming location with <https://www.filmexposouth.com>, a professional matchmaker for film

production companies on the South Coast. Our venue would be available as a film location, hub for filming and film festivals for aspiring film makers. All of these opportunities will benefit from being able to use our new Gigabit Fibre Broadband connection direct to the building supplied by Wessex Internet. We will be able to explore streaming of live arts performances, talks and training, etc. Also live arts, cultural performances, workshops and exhibitions suitable for all ages would be further enhanced with energy efficient, maintainable, stage professional lighting.

This and other partnerships will broaden, expand and increase the opportunities for social cohesive activities bringing members of our small rural communities together, whatever their age and background, meeting the practical, social and emotional needs that affect their health and well-being. Reducing isolation and loneliness improves their mental health whilst protecting the environment through reduced travel.

We thank <https://www.dacombesofwimborne.com/> for their advice, patience and kindness to the Village Hall throughout the whole project.

Thank you, National Lottery Community Fund for awarding Ibberton, Belchalwell and Woolland Village Hall with a second opportunity award which further updates the Hall for the coming century. First, a foremost we must thank all the people who play the National Lottery and make these grants available.

At the launch family film show an audience of children, parents, grandparents and adults enjoyed 'Puss in Boots: The Last Wish' with popcorn, ice creams and a bar of soft and alcoholic drinks. 'Welcoming, relaxed, friendly and cosy atmosphere' were some of the comments made as people left the hall. Please watch out for our next family film in the February, 2024 half term. Any requests?

The next film is on Thursday 16th November when we are showing 'Barbie' at 7.30 pm again we will be selling popcorn, ice creams and a bar of soft and alcoholic drinks. £5 ticket

The previous week on Friday 10th November at 7.30 pm we host an Artsreach Show 'Basset' <https://artsreach.co.uk/event/basset> Toronto-based indie-folk duo, Basset, are full of timeless heart with harmonies similar to Simon and Garfunkel. This will be our first opportunity to use the new LED stage lights also purchased as a result of the National Lottery Community Grant Award.

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Visit www.ibbertonvillagehall.co.uk to find out more our hall. We hire both the building for £6.50 per hour and tables, chairs and a portable stage for us off the premises.

2000 On 9th May the hall was awarded a National Lottery Grant of £47,000 award towards a £60,000 refurbishment project. This included a portable stage, stage lighting, disabled access and toilet, inside gent's toilet and an updated kitchen including oiled fired central heating and hot water!

2008 Grant from Connecting Dorset to connect the hall to the Internet along with computer equipment.

2009 Received a grant from 'Grassroots' to purchase computer and film showing equipment for £2,375.

2023 Received a grant from the National Lottery Community Fund for an audio-visual upgrade of £7,040

The National Lottery Community Fund recently launched its new strategy, 'It starts with community', which will underpin its efforts to distribute at least £4 billion of National Lottery funding by 2030.

As part of this, the funder has four key missions, which are to support communities to come together, be environmentally sustainable, help children and young people thrive and enable people to live healthier lives.

National Lottery players raise over £30 million a week for good causes across the UK. Thanks to them, last year The National Lottery Community Fund was able to distribute over half a billion pounds (£615.4 million) of life-changing funding to communities. To find out more visit www.TNLCommunityFund.org.uk