

Activities and Usage

How could activities, events and facilities in the hall be developed or improved?

A knitting/creative/chat group.....but not here!

Storage and dedicated space for organisations. Eg. A room with a sewing machine...a work space for home workers to link with others.

Clarify basic function of the hall. Is it viable only with wider use than at present?

Water source heat pump?

More provision for toddlers and children

Make it more comfortable

Parking – suggest moving wall of Park to N. back from road to form parking space

Facilities to hire for people working from home. Desk..... Meeting room.

Have a comfortable seating area in corner – sofas etc

Ditto

Activities need people to organise them. That's going to be an issue for old or new hall.

Ground source heat pump?

What activities and events in the hall do you value?

Table tennis (+ 1 tick)

Film Nights, Coffee mornings, social events

All of them (with my coat on!)

A hall that will accommodate 80-100 villagers for films and coffee mornings. Could be the church equally well

Film Nights, Coffee mornings

Love the films! And the coffee mornings!! and soup lunch!!

Social activities, film night, table tennis

Ditto

Film Night, coffee mornings

Table tennis, films, coffee mornings, social events

Table tennis and social space for other stuff

Are the new build/refurbished halls used more than YTH?

Are we underused?

History Society, Film Society, Social Events, Coffee mornings.

Duck Race

Yew Tree Hall

What are the disadvantages of the Yew Tree Hall?

Three times we rented Eaglesfield Hall for children's parties, they have level access, also good for wheelchairs, can open double doors and access and enclosed outdoors area.

Safety – enter and exit straight on to road and into traffic.

Parking (+4 ticks)

Car parking

Parking and accessibility. Not just getting into the hall be getting to toilets!

1 parking and 2 disabled access (in that order) only

Heating (+ 1 tick)

Heating. Otherwise I like it

Heating

Heating – either Baltic or volcano!

Toilet upstairs (+ 1 tick)

I don't have a strong view on any location we just need something better

No versatility of use with its shape being long and narrow

Shape of hall is good for meetings but not for other activities.

Long and narrow hall limits what you can do.

Footprint – Long narrow hall doesn't suit some activities like Am Dram.

How could the YTH be improved?

Better/bigger kitchen

If access can't be addressed we can't develop the YTH

It's a good idea to improve the facilities

Access – parking

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Parking and access

You can sort out parking (important for local history and gardening) by accommodating them once per year!

Who's parking? Just locals or are we providing activities that would be better located in Cockermouth?

Safe parking for bicycles

Parking for buggies

Parking too emphasised Should be public ?????? bike foot

Parking, access, disabled toilets, improved heating, larger kitchen, more equipment storage.

Accessibility

Entrance for disabled could be made through the far end. Move the entrance even a lift could be built. (+ 1 I agree!)

Disabled Access, Separate toilets for men and women. Effective heating and ventilation.

Ramp access, Extension? Different heating system

1) If somewhere else in the village could be found for parking, a small bus could then a park and ride for big events at YTH – ALSO this bus could be used 2) as a community bus to do a daily run to Cockermouth and back???

Balcony/windows overlooking Pound

Some more comfortable spaces for smaller groups – warmer, comfy chairs, better décor/mor artefacts/pictures of interest.

Alter the shape

Eco friendly

Could be used for a gym and/or hot desking/computer den

Bolt on lift

Ger a public and/or Architects Competition for Development ideas of existing hall.

Insulation

Great hall lots of character – Don't think the temperature is that important.

Like the suggestions for possible improvements/upgrade of the hall

Set up a Friends of YTH Scheme and encourage people to make a regular donation (+Gift Aid!) to funds.

What about the YTH works well? What do you like about it?

Size (+ 2 ticks) Facilities (+1 tick)

Central (+ 1 tick)

Not a lot! Draughty

More or less central

Central and easy to walk to

It's in the centre of things

Central location for High Lorton and providing focus for activity that could benefit shop.

Unique and lovely old building

More character than the crop of modern architect designed village halls

Unique attractive building

Large open space without delicate/expensive fittings

Historic building

Fabric – History – Culture – Tradition

Heritage and river location with outdoor space.

Beautiful site – view of the beck!!

A map...showing the church as a site which is central to High and Low Lorton, the YTH, the school and pub.

Your Ideas about a New Location

- I think the best thing to do would be to join with the School or Church to strengthen and bring together two communities.... Facilitate links with Cockermouth folk and childcare in school.

- Joining up with school and tennis club is a good one, especially as it could resolve parking problems.

- Do a move to work with church and hall as 2 heritage assets

- Worth looking at the church to save it

- Defo look at using the church

- Agree church worth looking but you would still need to solve car parking

- It needs to include the youngest generation

- Should make more community use of the church, school and Wheatsheaf

- Somewhere with room for a small heated pool as well

- Investigate feasibility of joint village hall and church

- Greenfield site in the field a Cross Gates near the telecoms building
 - Strongly believe we should make current assets work and not build new – YTH with Church
 - Could parking in the camping field at the pub be explored?
 - Should make better use of the church
 - Potential site between the church and the cross rads near the services building
 - Church needs to be taken seriously
 - Green field needs explored more
 - Near the church to complement the large space available for events there and maybe a wedding venue possibilities and concerts for church
 - Development with church has its advantages including parking if you could access some of the field but the church would still belong to the Diocese and the village hall wouldn't have the autonomy as they do at YTH
 - Is a merged church and village hall an option
 - Use the church and pub in conjunction
- Great to have the discussion

New Development

What concerns you, What need to be considered

General new development

- Extra traffic and larger delivery vehicles
- More traffic in the village
- Worried that any development would be too big/ambitious and not utilised
- The village Hall is a social enterprise and shouldn't be viewed as a business
- A very large bill, environmental impact, degradation, drainage problems by 'paving paradise
- Care for any new development not to encourage excessive commercial use not in keeping with a small village e.g. Wedding reception, late night noise and competition with local businesses
- YTH is not a business so should be used for local clubs, not weddings
- Whatever the solution it should be a village hall and not a commercial business for weddings etc
- Preserve green space for the village

- Environmental impact of a new build materials e.g. steel and concrete
 - Funding – Is it morally correct to take funding into an affluent area. More deprived areas in West Cumbria wont benefit.
 - Trying to do too much in once space. How would others use the hall if school were having lunch, would it smell of cooking all morning when school meals are being cooked. How can it be a hall/school hall/tennis club/out for hire/shop????
 - I think a lot of the villagers would be sad to lose the hall. I had exactly the same happen in my previous village and the Hall remained but with improvements.
 - The National Park will impose too many restriction to make anything viable.
 - What are the opportunities for a new build
 - In the present economic climate, we should not be considering spending large money on a new build
 - Suggest consider alternatives in this order 1) Do we need to make any significant changes or is it sufficient to make 'minor' changes (+parking) to the existing building
 - Need to recognise value of Parish Field. It's a fantastic asset for 10k, rounders, great play space for young people
 - After use of YTH, as future uses will be difficult
 - The need to find a viable use for YTH, its an important focal point in the village
 - New build will have a large carbon footprint of new materials and construction
 - Noise and light Pollution, increased vehicle movement and wildlife impact. The parish field acts as a wildlife corridor.
 - What will happen to YTH
 - Parking will drive any solution
 - Not convinced a new build is needed
 - YTH becoming houses
- Parish Field
- Were it the Parish Field, it would attract traffic. Is this what the village wants – 30 to 50 cars coming and going, especially at school time
 - School safeguarding, how do you control who is around near the children.
 - Impact on playing field and tennis courts
 - Losing too much of the Parish Field

- Access road would be hard to achieve
- There has not been enough thought given to the tennis courts in terms of cost
- How can you promise the Tennis club no disruption to playing?
- There is a trustee document that protects the parish field for the use of the children

Green Field

- Opening up a whole new area of development

What benefits could a new development bring?

- It might be easier to get funding for a new build rather than a refurbishment
- Safer Car parking (safer for pedestrians)
- It might be quicker to do a new development rather than a complex refurb on a grade 2 listed building
- Not sure
- I think near the tennis courts would be fine, or further along so it doesn't upset the tennis club. I think a new build village hall on the parish field would be fine and great for the school and more efficient to run
- It would solve most of the issues easier and be a more flexible space
- Better accessibility

Didn't fit on my sheets

Yew Tree Hall future

- YTH would make a splendid Art Gallery, if offered as a reasonable rent. This would be a great asset to the village and could do well if run with VISION! (very low rent but running costs covered)
- Look at energy saving – Ask if there are special tariffs for Village Halls
- Can we redevelop and expand into garden area to give additional requirements?
- YTH could be used for a variety of purposes.... Think outside the box
- Talk to the brewery, they've just opened a small museum in Cockermouth

YTH not working

- Road outside YTH is becoming increasingly dangerous – large vehicles and condition of the wall

The committee have a responsibility to act

Leave it alone for now

Parish field is a fantastic asset - play area and field used by our children and young people