

COMMUNITY HALLS SUPPORT



HALLS AND
ENTERPRISE





100 YEARS OF ADVISING COMMUNITY HALLS!

Community halls are the beating heart of local life. They have been a touchstone of CFO's services since we were formed in 1920. In the interwar period, CFO championed the building of new halls - there were 82 in the county in 1927 and 280+ today. We introduced more hands-on support for hall committees in the 1950s and today - perhaps more than any other service - community halls support embeds CFO in places both rural and urban.

**CFO Community Hall Affiliation Scheme -
£50 per community hall per year**

CFO's Community Halls Affiliation Scheme strengthens links between CFO and community halls. By becoming a CFO affiliate you help us to offer you even more support - these modest contributions add to other funding we receive from South Oxfordshire, Vale and Cherwell District Councils, and Defra.

Fees can be paid by cheque, BACS or credit/ debit card. For more information contact Tessa Hall - tessa.hall@communityfirstoxon.org





BENEFITS OF BECOMING AN AFFILIATED MEMBER

CFO's community halls adviser gives advice on the many subjects involved in running a community space. We know the county and we know the problems and issues that might affect you. We offer guidance on building or improvement schemes and direct you to funding sources. We provide details of suppliers that other halls have used. We arrange popular social-cum-business get togethers – swapping ideas and information or having a chat with fellow volunteers can spark ideas, unlock solutions, and build useful connections.

CFO is also a member of Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE). ACRE lobbies the government on behalf of all halls, raising their profile and making the case for the multiple community benefits they bring.

Professional advice
from a dedicated
adviser

Regular newsletter,
keeping you up to date
on national and county
issues

Updates to any
changes on
legislation/ guidance
for community halls

Local Area Meetings

Site Visits

Free factsheets – these
cover a huge range of
topics, from safeguarding
to health and safety

Entry on the Community Halls Directory
– a listing on this database can increase
bookings and income. It gets over 1000
hits per month!

Discounts on training workshops
– recent topics have included PAT
testing, trustee training, becoming a
CIO and Hallmaster booking systems

**For a discussion about how we might be able to help your community,
email info@communityfirstoxon.org or call 01865 883 488**

TESSA HALL - CFO's COMMUNITY HALLS ADVISER - SAYS:

"It's really encouraging that so many volunteers from community hall committees are working so hard to ensure the sustainability of their facility."



WHAT DO COMMUNITY HALLS SAY ABOUT WORKING WITH COMMUNITY FIRST OXFORDSHIRE?

"Our sincere thanks for your support and guidance during this unprecedented time. Your informative updates are instrumental in Parish Council decision making, and the way you picked apart Government guidance and assisted us all in understanding them was truly appreciated. Whilst we subscribe each year in order to receive your valuable support, this year you have gone above and beyond."

CHALGROVE PARISH COUNCIL

"Thank you for all your excellent updates. I have always found the information excellent, and I am sure our new chairman will too."

HORNTON PAVILLION

"You have given us much assistance in the past months with funding to improve our hall. We can assure you that we greatly appreciate the work that you do."

FENCOTT & MURCOTT VILLAGE HALL

"Community First (and Tessa) are a fantastic resource and help us with all things village hall related. There's lots of info on the Community First website if you want to take a look."

DUNSDEN VILLAGE HALL

COMMUNITY FIRST OXFORDSHIRE IS A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CHARITY

We support community action projects and volunteering, community halls and transport schemes, and community shops. We also run Neighbourhood Planning, Town Planning, and Placemaking Consultancies, helping communities and clients (including developers and Local Authorities) identify planning and infrastructure requirements and develop the policies and projects necessary to achieve them.

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