

Callow End Village Hall Survey

Thank You for Your Input! A big thank you to everyone who took part in our recent Village Hall Quick Survey. Congratulations to Katrina Kerr who was the lucky winner of the £50 Amazon Gift Voucher. Two clear themes emerged from your feedback:

- A need for more car parking at the hall
- A desire to develop the hall as a vibrant community hub

We're now working on ideas for increasing car parking capacity in a low-cost, sustainable way — See elsewhere in this newsletter for more info.

A Community Hub is whatever the community wants it to be. The hall is already quite busy. There is a range of exercise and dance classes available both during the day and evenings. We also have the Art Group meeting on a Thursday morning (They reconvene after the summer break at the beginning of September), the Sabrina Voices choir on a Tuesday evening, and regular monthly meetings of the South Worcestershire Archaeological Group. There is also the toddlers football group KickStart Footy on a Tuesday morning. The hall committee has been running Rural Reels Film Nights monthly on Saturday nights over the winter. There is a small but regular audience for these, and we need for few more attendees to make the events financially sustainable. Our attempts to run larger entertainments have fallen on deaf ears with no interest from local residents.

Making the hall an open all hours centre, if that is what is being imagined, would be a project requiring a substantial level of resource that is beyond the capability of the current committee. Nevertheless we recognise that parts of the community are underserved by the hall, not least of which are young people.

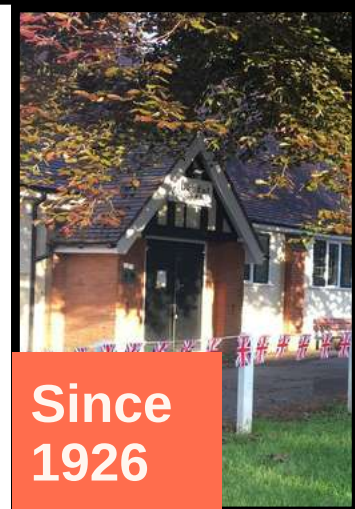
Local residents who are passionate about community and would like to join the committee to help shape the hall's future as a hub — we'd love to hear from you! Let's work together to make the Village Hall even better for everyone!

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NEWSLETTER



Welcome to the latest edition of the Callow End Village Hall newsletter. There's been a lot going on recently. We've successfully raised funds to pay for a new projector. Additionally, we're working on a project to get more people involved with the village hall; part of this will be the Business Breakfast that we are holding at the hall on the 12 September. Another major project is to increase car parking at the hall.



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In this issue, we continue to update you on the

latest happenings and upcoming events.

Our aim is to keep the community engaged and aware of the various opportunities available at the hall, ensuring everyone can participate and enjoy what's on offer. We appreciate the community's support and encourage you to share your thoughts and suggestions. Your feedback helps us improve and tailor the newsletter to better serve the needs of Callow End residents.

Save the Date

Friday 12 September 2025 730 AM Callow End Village Hall Business Breakfast

Saturday 4 October 2025 Rural Reels Film Show - Fly Me To The Moon

Saturday 1 November 2025 Rural Reels Film Show - A Complete Unknown

Saturday 6 December 2025 Rural Reels Film Show - The Critic

Monday 22 December 2025 Callow End Carols

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Callow End Village Hall Business Breakfast



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Friday 12 September 2025
from 7.30 am to 9.30 am

FREE Village networking event
to promote the village and the hall

Breakfast refreshments. Goody bags.

Meet your local businesses in a friendly and informal way.

Find out at info@callowendvillagehall.co.uk

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Projector Fundraising Success

We have raised over £2000 towards our projector fund. The new projector has now been purchased and installed by village hall committee members and their spouses. We are very grateful to the Clive Richards Foundation, the Rural Reels group, Councillor Tom Wells for a contribution from his Worcestershire County Council Ward Budget, the Powick Parish Council, and those local residents whose initial donations got the ball rolling.



We have also received the very generous donation of a professional sound system from Coda Audio. We are currently working on installing this system. Once we have completed the installation, the projector and sound system will be available to hall users.



Village Hall Maintenance

We have recently had the external walls of the kitchen re-rendered. We have been working on this project since last summer when we noticed that some of the render was coming away. As well as the new render, a drip edge flashing has been installed along the flat roof to guide rainwater away from running down the wall.

We have also painted the wall posts lining the front drive. We still have one to replace.



Centenary Celebration

Next year is the Village Hall's centenary. It will be one hundred years since the hall was opened after the villagers raised the funds to build it on the land that was donated to the inhabitants of Callow End by Earl of Beauchamp. We would like to recognise this milestone in an appropriate manner. If you have any suggestions and would like to be involved, please get in touch.

Hire the Hall

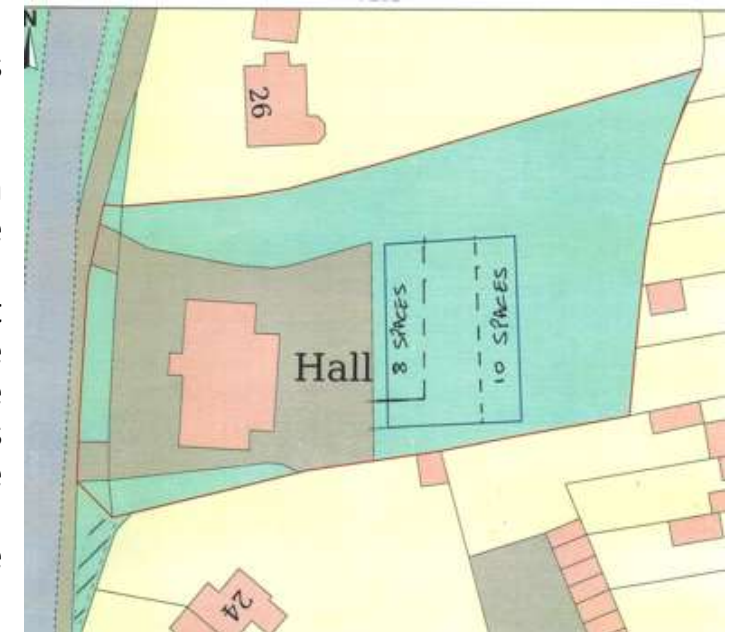
The hall is available for private bookings and public events. Check out availability at www.callowendvillagehall.co.uk/booking/



Exciting Plans to Expand the Village Hall Car Park

One of the most common suggestions in last year's community survey was to improve parking at Callow End Village Hall—and we're pleased to share that plans are now underway! The Village Hall Committee has been working on a proposal to extend the existing car park to better support all users of this vital community space.

The plan is to create 18 new parking spaces using an environmentally friendly plastic grid system, which will be filled with either gravel or topsoil seeded with grass to maintain a natural look and avoid creating drainage problems from run-off during heavy rain storms. This will more than double the current parking capacity, making it safer and more accessible, especially during busy periods. One of our aims is to reduce parking in other parts of the village by hall visitors. As part of the project, we also plan to install a bike stand and designate two blue badge bays to ensure accessibility for everyone.



We've applied for funding from both the National Lottery Community Fund and the Malvern Hills District Council Community Facility Legacy Grant, and we're currently awaiting feedback. We've also submitted a planning pre-application to Malvern Hills District Council for advice. Improving the car park will reduce congestion on Upton Road, address safety concerns, and make the hall more welcoming to families, older residents, and those with mobility issues. With events, classes, and community groups continuing to grow, this project is an important step in supporting our village's future needs.

We'll keep the community updated on progress through this newsletter, our website, and social media. Thank you for your continued support!

New Winter Workshops at the Village Hall – Have Your Say!

We're looking to bring a wider variety of activities to the Callow End Village Hall, aiming to ensure that there's something engaging and enjoyable for everyone in the community. We want to create a vibrant hub where people of all ages and interests can gather, learn, and connect through shared experiences.

One exciting opportunity we're currently exploring is the introduction of a series of free arts and humanities-themed Saturday taster workshops, which we plan to start this winter. These sessions promise to be a fantastic way for community members to discover a new interest or pick up a creative hobby. Whether you're an absolute beginner or someone with some experience, these free workshops will be designed to offer something for everyone, all within a relaxed and welcoming environment. Participants will have the chance to explore different forms of art and humanities, meet like-minded individuals, and enjoy a break from the usual routine while nurturing their creative side.