Hever Village Hall Survey 2026

Please complete by 30 November to win your entry to the Prize Draw!

Prizes are:

- **A bottle of Fortnum & Mason champagne**
- **A £30 meal voucher for the Henry VIII pub**
- **Two Hever Castle tickets**
- **A free half day hire of the hall for you or your chosen community group**

The Prize Draw will take place at the AGM on 8 December.

Your details (optional)

Name .....

Address .....

Email .....

Phone .....

You can also download a pdf of the survey from http://hever.org/hvh-renovate.

☐ We will add you to our mailing list for infrequent updates and news about events unless you tick this box to opt out

Background

The village hall has been at the heart of the community for 120 years providing a meeting place for a diverse range of activities, from children's parties through to flower shows, barn dances and fitness classes. The hall has been upgraded several times over the years but has now reached the point where it is no longer sustainable without a complete rebuild, and a plan for a new hall located at the back of the existing site has been drawn up - please have a look at the model of the new hall on the website http://hever.org/hvh-renovate. We have consulted on the new plan and villagers have approved it.

The new hall will be built as cost-effectively as possible, using durable, sustainable materials and incorporating features such as solar panels. However, the projected cost is about £800,000 unless we can secure local donations of materials and labour which will really help.

The fundraising campaign is to begin in earnest shortly; we already have pledges totalling £50,000.

In our 2018 village survey you told the hall committee that you valued the hall and would like its facilities to be improved. If you look at our website http://hever.org/hever-village-hall, you will see photos of the much improved interior. The purpose of this next survey is to understand how you will support the hall at this critical time and what facilities you would particularly like the new hall to provide.

1. Use of the Village Hall

We are looking at how to increase usage of our Village Hall. Therefore, we need to assess how much the new hall will be used and whether we can justify a building of its size.

How often do you, or members of your family, visit the Hall?

☐ Weekly	☐ Monthly	☐ Occasionally	☐ Never

If you do not visit or book the Hall, please state why (e.g. type of events, facilities, not informed of events…):

If you do use the Hall, what activities do you attend?

☐ Hever Hort events	☐ Private parties	☐ Church events
☐ Parish council meetings	☐ Home education classes	☐ Parish lunches
Other (please specify):		

2. Hall Activities

If activities such as the following were available in a new Hall, please let us know which you, or members of your family, would be interested in attending and/or organising?

Activity	Attend	Organise	Activity	Attend	Organise
Art class	☐	☐	Lunch club	☐	☐
Book club	☐	☐	Musical performances	☐	☐
Bridge/chess	☐	☐	Outreach health services (e.g., chiropody)	☐	☐
Craft class	☐	☐	Parent and toddler group	☐	☐
Dance class	☐	☐	Sales/fairs	☐	☐
Drama class	☐	☐	Youth club	☐	☐
Fitness class (please specify below)	☐	☐	Pizza van	☐	☐
Flower arranging	☐	☐	Coffee mornings	☐	☐
Language class	☐	☐	Training sessions (e.g., first aid)	☐	☐
Local history class	☐	☐	Walking group	☐	☐
Farmers market	☐	☐	Dog training	☐	☐
Other (please specify):					

3. Facilities

Currently our plan provides for a slightly larger hall with a storage room for tables and chairs, a well-equipped kitchen, accessible toilets, increased on-site parking with EV charging points. Please list any other facilities which would be important to you. Please give as much information as possible:

4. Getting involved

Could you help us with basic maintenance e.g., cleaning?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Maybe ☐

Fundraising

Could you help us with fundraising, or donate labour or materials?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Maybe ☐

Would you be prepared to make a donation or pledge?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Maybe ☐

Do you qualify for Gift Aid?

Yes ☐ No ☐

5. Demographics (required by major grant funders)

The following questions are optional, but will greatly assist with our grant application. Any information you provide will be kept confidential.

Your age bracket

☐ Under 18	☐ 18-34	☐ 35-54	☐ 55-74	☐ 75+

Household size

☐ 1 person	☐ 2 people	☐ 3-4 people	☐ 5+ people

Please drop off your completed survey at one of the following collection points:

- St. Peter's Church (porch)
- Harewood, Uckfield Lane, Markbeech

Alternatively, scan the paper copy or email the completed pdf to heverhallbooking@gmail.com

If you have any queries about the survey, please contact Joanna Wade on 07958 919631 or email chair.hvh@gmail.com.

Other comments

Please add any other comments you would like to make about the Hall:

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The Hever Village Hall Committee are:

Joanna Wade	Chair
Bob Turnbull	Vice-Chair
Mandy Yarnold	Secretary
Karen Thomas	Bookings Secretary / Treasurer
Mark Thomas	
Jane Rosam	
Cassie Newman	
Chloe Wright	

Thank you for taking the time and trouble to complete this form.
Your comments are really valuable to us.