

## Summary of Ousden Village Hall Survey Results

The survey was conducted amongst Ousden residents in July / August 2019. The response was good and there was undeniably strong support for the continued provision of a village hall.

135 surveys were delivered. 91 were returned (67%)

77 respondents (85% of respondents) agreed that the village should have a village hall. 8 neither agreed or disagreed. 6 respondents stated that they did not agree that the village should have a village hall.

Sense of community engender community spirit, social gatherings, hub for the village, bringing people together, communal asset were all strong common themes of what villagers thought the Hall fulfills.

21% of respondents used or visited the Village Hall at least once a month

58% of respondents used or visited the Village Hall at least several times a year with a further 10% at least once a year

Most popular activities or reasons to visit the Village Hall were: Village Fete, Quiz Night, Pop Up Café, Bowls, Village Breakfast, Parish Council Meetings, Village Hall Meetings, Race Night, Flower Arranging, Cricket.

27% of respondents used the children's play area more than 3-5 times per year. 6% using it at least once a week. It is noted that the children's play area is used considerably by families who visit from neighbouring villages where there is not such good provision.

64% of respondents used the Playing Fields regularly. 32% of respondents used the playing fields at least once a week. 18% using it 4-7 times per week. In addition, there is regular usage by the Ousden & Lidgate (a neighbouring village) Cricket Team, many members of which live outside the village & therefore did not make up part of the survey.

The most popular event at the Village Hall to be attended last by a respondent was the Village Fete, Pop Up Café, Meetings, Voting & Village Breakfast.

73% had attended an event at the Hall within the last month (66 households). 50% of respondents stated that they had come to the Village Fete in June 2019

83% had attended an event at the Hall within the last year

53% of respondents said they would use the hall more often if it was a newer building with better facilities

Numerous & varied activities were listed that villagers would be interested in. The most popular suggestions were: Pilates, yoga, Fitness classes, Over 60's Fitness, Village Fete, Quiz Night, Parties, Wine tasting, Farmers' Market / Produce sale, Marmalade mornings, Barn Dance, Art classes, Gardening Club, Travelling theatre, Cinema

Out of the 11 suggested activities listed- order of most popular:

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| 1. Demonstrations & Talks | 42% likely to attend | 20% very likely to attend |
| 2. Quiz Nights            | 26% likely to attend | 23% very likely to attend |
| 3. Keep Fit               | 29% likely to attend | 19% very likely to attend |

4. Yoga	22% likely to attend	20% very likely to attend
5. Pilates	16% likely to attend	23% very likely to attend
6. Dances	24% likely to attend	7% very likely to attend
7. Badminton	22% likely to attend	7% very likely to attend
8. Singing for Fun	12% likely to attend	8% very likely to attend
9. Children's Parties	9% likely to attend	10% very likely to attend
10. Bowls	5% likely to attend	10% very likely to attend
11. Bridge	8% likely to attend	1% very likely to attend

11 individuals indicated an interest in starting a club / event

Most common thing to encourage someone to start a club is support from others in attending and organising.

Art classes and a history / archaeology club were suggested

79% of respondents would like to be kept informed of events (72 households). 58% of which by email (53 households)

6 additional villagers have shown an interest in joining the Village Hall Management Committee

7 individuals in addition to existing members have offered help or are willing to join the New Build Committee

59 households have expressed an interest in helping at events (65% of respondents)

14 individuals have volunteered practical or professional skills to support either the maintenance of the existing village hall or New Build

86% knew that the hall, playing fields and play park are self-funded (78 households)

82% (74 households) thought that it would be fair that the ongoing annual cost for maintaining these facilities is shared among Ousden Residents by an appropriate increase in the Parish Council element (Precept) of the Council

67% of respondents use the hall regularly. 7% did not use the hall because it is not a pleasant environment, 8% because they do not know what activities are on, 4% not interested in current activities offered. 14% gave no reason at all

When asked how they felt a new village hall would help you and others? The most popular response was to meet other villagers. In descending order of popularity from there were: make the village more attractive, keeping fit, enrich social life, help the environment by staying local, learn new skills.

60% of respondents were in household of 2 or less occupants

60% of respondents did not have children under 18 in the household. 18% had between 1-2 children under 18

68% were over the age of 50.