

Village Hall Survey – December 2023

232 surveys were returned which represents 37.5% of residential properties in Meare and Westhay.

Question A

Do you know that Meare has aspirations to build a new hall?

Yes – 223 (96%) No – 9 (4%)

Question B

What facilities should the new hall have?

A stage	100
Café	95
Bar	99
Shop	71
Kitchen	187
Changing Rooms	90
Library/book swap	68
Covered area	68
Outdoor seating	103
Room for community hire	166
Alcohol licence	105

Priority

Kitchen

Room for community hire

Other suggestions/comments

MUGA with badminton and pickleball court x 3

Better play equipment

Mental health support facilities

Restaurant

Patio area

Happy with existing hall x 3

No showers required

Question C

Do you use the playing field

Yes – 73 (33%) No – 147 (67%)

Other suggestions/comments

Too much dog mess x 5

Narrow gate makes access difficult

CCTV camera is an intrusion of privacy x 2

Question D

What activities in **Westhay** do you use?

Café Westhay	11
School room functions	11
Yoga	4
Book club	2
Skittles	2
Keep fit	1
Flower tubs maintenance	1

Question E

What activities in Meare do you use?

MWFT	23	Friday Café	22
Toddlers	21	MPAG	16
Ladies Group	23	St Mary's Church	9
Pilates	8	Sunday Breakfast	9
Book Club	5	Chapel Café	5
Forest School	4	Allotments	4
Skittles	2	Carnival Club	1
Parish Council	1	Jumble Trail	2
Fairs and fetes	5	Lottery Club	1
Yoga	1		

Question F

What prevents you from participating in activities?

No activities interest me	108	59%
Too expensive	5	2%
No sustainable venue	29	15%
Better classes elsewhere	16	9%
Not enough people to run a club	12	6%

Other suggestions/comments

Too busy x 8
 Demanding job
 Inadequate parking x 2
 Poor mobility x 3
 Lack of transport.

Question G

What activities would you like to see in the parish?

Football	32	Cricket	26
Exercise Classes	89	Dancing Classes	51
Pilates	50	Hockey	11
Netball/basketball	18	Tennis	26
Holiday activities	32	Other	12

Question G (continued)

Other activities mentioned included:

Things on the playing field
Dog show
Yoga x 7
Book Club
Tai Chi x 2
Shortmat Bowls
Scouts/Guides
Childrens/baby groups x 2
Repair café
Badminton x 4
Live music x 2
Gym x 2

Question I

Meare needs a new village hall

Strongly Agree 90 } **69%**
Agree 68 }

Strongly Disagree 8 } **7%**
Disagree 8 }

Neutral 55 - **24%**

Question H

The parish needs a new community hall, with sports changing facilities?

Strongly Agree 49 } **43%**
Agree 44 }

Strongly Disagree 14 } **7%**
Disagree 9 }

Neutral 100 - **46%**

Question J

Would you consider hiring the new hall for the following?

Private Function	130
Sports Club	13
Small Group Meetings	50
Fundraising events	38
None of these	15
Other	7

Question J continued

Other comments received and activities mentioned include:

- Shortmat Bowls x 4
- Model railway events
- Dance Classes
- PC should pay for all events and classes

Question K

Would you be able to help with the new hall?

- Yes – 54 (27%)
- No – 144 (73%)

Question L

How would you describe the function of a new hall?

Place for modest events (as now)	148
Enhanced venue for weddings	78
Facilities for sporting events	80
Covered space for indoor activities	76
Public performance facilities	74
Other	3

Other comments received and activities mentioned include:

- Live music regularly
- Sky TV
- Large Community events

Question M

The preferred purpose of the new hall?

A hall for 60 people with kitchen and toilets	65
A hall for 120 people with kitchen and toilets	134
Changing facilities for sports	81
Include a smaller meeting/activity room	92
Cater for indoor sports	56
Stage for performances	80
A shop/PO	100
A bar	80
Covered spectators area	44

Other comments received and activities mentioned include:

- Technically advanced facilities required
- Cycle path and cycle rack required
- Computer classes for those who don't have them

Question N

Can you help?

Fundraising	28
Technical assistance	7
Advice and physical help	13
Operations on completion	22
Other	5

Other comments received and activities mentioned include:

Volunteer where required x 2

Lost faith in this project, been going too many years

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