

RURAL/URBAN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT GRANTS APPLICATION FOR 3RD SEPTEMBER 2015 EXECUTIVE :

Applicant :**Shrewley Village Hall****Description of scheme:**

Kitchen refurbishment; the last refurbishment was over 20 years ago, as a result of this the hygiene standards do not meet what is now required in 2015. The project plan is to strip out the majority of the existing kitchen and replace with furnishings and equipment to current acceptable standards. This includes; new hob, dishwasher, work tops, undercounter fridge, sink, microwave, water boiler, cupboards, shelving and flooring.

Evidence of need:

There is a visible Health & Safety need; no matter how often the kitchen is cleaned and redecorated, dirt accumulates in inaccessible corners and as a result of this there has been occasion where committee members have had to scrape mould from skirting boards under the worktops. Letters of support for the project have also been provided:

- Simon Lister (Shrewley Village Social Club) - dated 14th June 2015
- Stephanie Hill (President of Shrewley W.I.) - dated 10th June 2015
- Jean Dance (Shrewley Garden Society) - dated 9th June 2015
- Beverley Baker (Secretary, Village Hall Management Committee) - dated 8th June 2015

The Village Hall Committee have often received complaints about the condition of the kitchen and, though they have not been recorded, there have been occasions where prospective hirers have declined to book the hall because of the kitchen inadequacies.

3 years accounts received?

2011 - 2013 accounts have been received, along with a recent bank statement dated 20th July 2015 covering the period 6th to 16th July 2015; this evidences sufficient cash reserves to meet the contribution stated on the application form.

Financial Performance; minus figure = deficit

Year ended	Year ended	Year ended
31/12/13	31/12/12	31/12/11

£3,638	£5,563	£1,569
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Available Funds (cash and reserves)

Year ended	Year ended	Year ended
31/12/13	31/12/12	31/12/11

£15,523	£13,124	£7,475
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Details of membership, fees etc:

There are no membership fees although there are hire charges; main hall is £12 per hour and the committee room is £6 per hour

Details of usage:**Regular usage includes:**

- Shrewley Parish Council - committee meeting every 2 months (approx. 20 people)
- Shrewley Women's Institute - Formal monthly meetings (over 40 people) and monthly committee meetings (approx. 10 people)
- "Keep Fit" classes - every Wednesday (approx. 25 people)
- Shrewley Garden Society - Monthly meetings (approx. 40 people)
- Shrewley Social Club - Club nights at 6-week intervals (between 40-80 people) and preparatory & feed-back meetings - over 12 per annum (approx. 10 people)
- Children's extra tuition classes - 4 nights a week except for school holidays (approx. 10 children)
- Children's dance classes - every Sunday (approx. 20 people)
- "Live and Local" performances - at least 2 per annum (approx. 80 people) and admin committee meetings (min 2 meetings per performance approx. 10 people)
- Sundry quiz nights, barn dances, beetle drives etc; at least one per annum (each attended by over 80 people) and associated preparation meetings
- NAFAS flower shows - approx. twice a year (approx. 60 people) and associated preparation meetings
- Shrewley Village Show - annual, visited by over 200 people
- British Legion Women's section "Soup Kitchen" - annual, attended by over 50 people

Ad-Hoc Hiring:

- Local birthday parties, anniversary celebrations etc - approx. one per week, each attended by on average 50 people
- Motor-Cycle Action Group - approx. twice a year for conferences (approx. 40 members present)
- Antique Horological Society - conferences twice a year (approx. 30 people)

Details of Organisations equalities policies:

The hall has no formal equality policy, however, it is available for hire by any respectable individual or organisation; the hall reserves the right to decline an application for hiring if they suspect that there is any dangerous practice or criminal act likely to take place, or if there is a possibility of damage to the fabric of the hall. There is no religious discrimination: all peace-loving members of society are welcome.

3 quotes provided:

Yes - three quotes have been received.

Which of the Council's Corporate Priorities are met?**Reduce anti-social behaviour****Evidence**

Whilst the kitchen refurbishment project doesn't directly affect this issue, the village hall provides a variety of activities for the whole community such as:

- Keep fit classes
- Dancing school sessions
- Children's extra tuition classes
- Meeting place for W.I., Shrewley Social Club and Shrewley Garden Society

The refurbishment of the kitchen will help to keep the hall a viable facility; provision of these activities helps towards reducing anti-social behaviour.

Reducing obesity, particularly in children

Whilst the kitchen refurbishment project doesn't directly affect this issue, the village hall provides a variety of activities for the whole community such as:

- Keep fit classes
- Dancing school sessions

The refurbishment of the kitchen will help to keep the hall a viable facility; provision of these activities helps towards reducing obesity, including children.

Increase opportunities for everyone to enjoy and participate in sports, arts and cultural activities

The kitchen refurbishment will encourage people to make more use of the hall; a successful project will remove the risk of potential hirers not making bookings because of kitchen inadequacies and Health & Safety concerns. If the refurbishment isn't carried out the kitchen will at some future stage have to be closed on health and safety grounds; if the kitchen was to close the community will have a much reduced opportunity to participate in physical, arts and cultural activities.

Engaging and strengthening communities

If the hall isn't maintained and the kitchen becomes unusable there is a risk that activities will cease which will potentially disengage and weaken the community. The facility is managed and run by a wide range of volunteers from the local community and the activities that are available also bring together a wide range of people from the community, this all helps to engage and strengthen the community.

Total cost of scheme (including VAT where appropriate)

£16,308 Including VAT

Funded by:

Status

Parish Council

£100

Own Funds

£8,054

Total RUCIS

£8,154

equates to

50.0%