

Publications for village and community halls 2026

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1. Planning fees for village halls [Updated April **2026**]
2. Parish council help for village halls [Updated Jan **2026**]
3. Providing services in village halls [Reviewed April 2021]
4. Data Protection for village & community buildings [Reviewed April 2021]
5. Safeguarding [Updated April 2021]
6. Village halls and registration for VAT [Updated Sept 2022]
7. Village hall insurance cover [Updated Jan **2026**]
8. Storage in village halls [Updated Jan **2026**]
9. Entertainment in village halls [Updated Jan **2026**]
10. *Provision of alcohol in village halls [Under Review]*
11. The Charities Act 2011 [Updated Feb 2022]
12. Village halls and car parks [Updated Mar **2026**]
13. Grant making and support for community groups [Updated Jan **2026**]
14. Asbestos [Updated Mar 2026]
15. Health & safety legislation and village halls [Dec 2017]
16. VAT on Accessibility works [Updated Jan **2026**]
17. Trustee's roles and responsibilities [Updated Feb 2022]
18. Village halls & VAT on building work and other purchases [Nov 2017]
19. Marketing your village hall [Jan 2016]
20. Health & Hygiene in village halls [Updated Mar **2026**]

21. Overnight accommodation in village halls [Updated April 2022]
22. Managing employees and volunteers [Dec 2015]
22a addendum: Self Employed Staff [April 2014]
23. Planning an extension, refurb or new build hall [Reviewed Feb 2022]
24. Village halls rates, waste and water [May 2015]
25. *Making your village hall accessible* [Under review]
26. Dealing with VAT on fuel and power [Updated April 2022]
27. *Village halls and social clubs* [Under review]
28. Creating a business plan [Dec 2010]
29. Bingo in village halls [Jan 2011]
30. Village hall heating [Nov 2013]
31. Village hall flooring [Jan 2011]
32. Recruiting and retaining volunteers [Jan 2016]
33. Gaming and lotteries [Feb 2011]
34. Village Halls, Children & Young People [Nov 2023]
35. Trustee liability and trustee indemnity insurance [Sept 2013]
36. Village halls run by parish councils as sole trustee [Feb 2015]
37. Fire safety in village halls [Updated Jan 2025]
38. Short guide to security in your village hall [Mar **2026**]
39. Village halls and incorporation [Sept 2013]
40. Village halls, governing documents and title deeds [Reviewed July 2021]
41. Accounting and village halls [May 2017]
42. Equality in village halls [Jan 2018]

Each ACRE information sheet covers a wide range of information, with useful appendices and template documents. Read ACT's **Managing Risks Toolkit** for a short summary of each information sheet and other village hall guidance and resources. Available via ACT's Community Buildings web page: www.cumbriaaction.org.uk/what-we-do/community-buildings