



## Offenham Village Hall Charitable Trust Needs New Helpers

For all residents who do not know how the hall works or are new to the village. **Your hall belongs to you, the residents**, and is held in a charitable trust whereby the trustees make decisions on your behalf about how the hall is run and maintained for the community. They are volunteers and meet about once a month through the year to discuss decisions on hire fees, maintenance and repair and development of the building. This may cover how to take it into the future, when the outside is painted and who we pay to do this, updating of facilities and how to raise funds.

Being a trustee is not a difficult job and is certainly beneficial to the community, the meetings last on average about 1 hour 45 mins. so are not too arduous. **BUT** You do not need to commit to becoming a trustee, what we need are local people to help oversee a local venue that belongs to them.

We have a secretary who also takes the bookings and deals with queries, we have a treasurer who deals with all the finance and funding applications, we have further members who help where they can for specific items. However we have also lost some members of our group and need more residents to join us in any capacity. We are an understanding group as we are all busy people, some may not make every meeting some will offer sound advice and then take a back seat. All of these are valid members of the group.

When the hall opened a constitution was written and agreed that the committee should be made up of the trustees and one member from each group that met in the hall. This ensured the way the hall was used and run was in line with what the community wanted, we are at the moment working with only the trustees on the committee. This is why we now appeal to you the community.

If you would consider joining us and helping in any small way please contact the secretary at [thehall@offenhamvillage.co.uk](mailto:thehall@offenhamvillage.co.uk) for further information with no definite commitment.

**We really need you.**