

- More than 12,000 visitors have used the new hall since it opened.
- The ground source heat pump is proving very efficient. It used less energy than an electric fire to heat the entire hall during the very cold winter!
- The new hall has become an important focal point for our community but more volunteers are needed to help the Trustees manage it and expand the services on offer. See back page for details.

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NVH 1st Birthday Party!

The New Victory Hall will be one year old in September and to mark this milestone the Trustees are hosting a **free** family fun afternoon on Saturday 18th September from 2pm to 4pm. There will be free tea and

cakes, a tombola stall, raffle, treasure hunt, painting and fun-filled games and activities for children of all ages. **Everyone is welcome** so please come along, join in the party and help us celebrate a very successful first

year in the New Victory Hall.

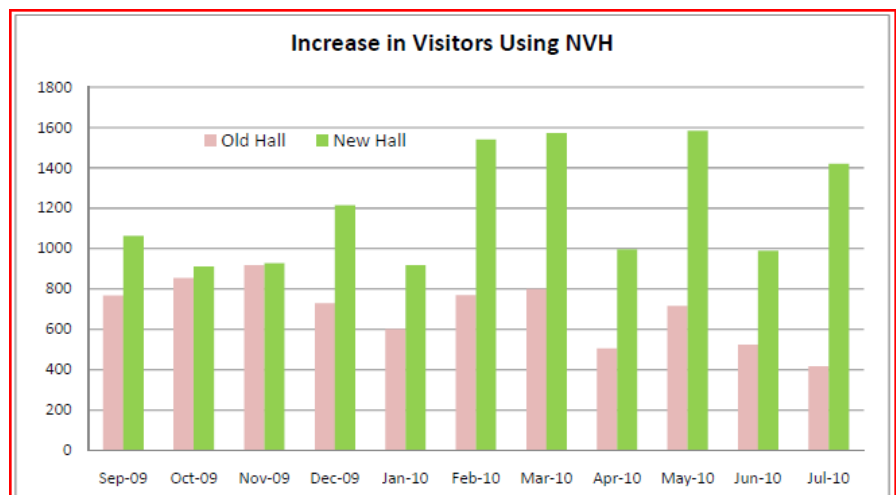


More Users and Activities Than Ever!

The new hall is proving to be a popular success as borne out by the big increase in the number of people using the building and the ever-increasing range of activities available. In 2010 the new hall will welcome about 15,000 visitors, which is al-

most double the usage of the old hall. The Youth Club and indoor bowls resume in September after the summer break. In addition to the well-established user groups, there is also now a weekly bridge

club and regular Dance & Meditation classes on certain Sundays. Tea Dances are proving popular with our older users and there is a steady increase in private and corporate hire of the hall, which bodes well for its financial sustainability.





How Green is our Heating?

We have been monitoring our electricity use since the hall opened to determine the effectiveness of our eco-friendly ground-source heat pump system—and it's brilliant!

It's difficult to directly compare energy used in the old vs. new halls but it appears that we are using roughly the same amount of energy to heat the NVH constantly as we did the old building intermittently. Given

that the new hall is very much larger, is always warm and has double the number of users this is a tremendous achievement and it shows just how effective the heating system and the straw bale insulation is.

For example, at the height of the February cold spell the electricity used in the hall each day was less than that consumed by a 3-bar electric fire running constantly. We bet that there are a

lot of householders who wish they could heat their own property as efficiently!

During the very cold spell last February the entire hall used less heating energy than a 3 bar electric fire!

The six month trial period for our weekly mobile gym ends soon. We are eligible for funding to buy our own 'Community Gym' equipment but we need your support to make it happen.....

Turning our Mobile Gym into a Community Gym

A Mobile Gym managed by North Norfolk District Council has been running at the NVH on Mondays from 10am – 2.45pm since April 2010. It has two qualified instructors who provide you with a personal programme to meet your specific needs and ensure you have a fun and safe exercise session. Cost £1.50 per session – great value! NNDC's long term aim is to help villages establish their own Community Gym with their own qualified instructors.

Our Mobile Gym trial funding ends later in

September and then, provided there is enough local support, NNDC will help the Gym users to set up a Community Gym and obtain a lottery grant to purchase their own gym equipment and fund the first year of operating.

This means the gym could run evening and weekend sessions and be available to those who can't make a day-time session.

The gym is a popular addition to the activities on offer at the hall and it would be wonderful if

we could continue and extend it. We currently have a fantastic one-off opportunity to make our weekly gym more permanent but it will only happen if enough users come forward to support the plan.

We need *your* support for the gym to continue, so please come along to a meeting on **Monday 13 September at 7.00pm in the NVH** to find out more.



A Big Thank You from NNDC's Workout Project

North Norfolk District Council's Workout Project has expressed its thanks to all those involved in the 'Community Challenge' event at the New Victory Hall earlier this year. "Staff and volunteers really liked working at the site and planting the hedge", said Project Officer Mark Webster, "I have been back to the site recently and seen that - despite the extremely dry weather - the vast majority of the

500 native plants planted by local people are growing well. In a few years time the hedge and grounds will be a real asset to the community. I would like to ask anyone involved in the project to reflect on the work done and look forward to what else could potentially be done on site by the community, with or without the help of the North Norfolk Workout Project". Mark is keen to hear comments – via

workout@btcv.org.uk

or 01263 516 336 - from anyone involved in the event, for example:

- did you enjoy taking part in the event?
- did you learn anything new from the experience?
- have you been back and done anything else to look after the site since then?
- have you done any other volunteering locally since then?
- would you like to be involved in similar pro-

jects locally in future?

- have you any ideas for what to do next to improve the site?

The North Norfolk Workout Project is delivered by conservation volunteering charity BTCV for North Norfolk District Council with additional funding and support from Natural England through Access to Nature as part of the Big Lottery Fund's Changing Spaces Programme, NHS Norfolk and North Norfolk Community Partnership. See www.btcv.org/norfolk

Its Curtains for the Straw Bale Building!

But not in the way that sceptics imagined! The lack of curtains in the main hall was causing difficulties for users on sunny days but this problem has been cured thanks to the generosity of local people. £2,000 was donated specifically for the new curtains,

and this was just enough to cover the costs. The sunshine can now be dimmed as required and corporate hirers can see their presentations on the screen, which is helping increase hire income, so a very big THANK YOU to the donors from the Trustees.



**Local people
recently donated
£2,000 for the
purchase of
curtains for the
New Victory Hall**

Improvements for Elderly & Disabled Users

Work will start soon on improving wheelchair access from the main road to the main entrance of the hall. Neatishead Parish Council has recently very kindly secured a grant of just over £2,000 from the

Lottery to help fund a new path around the edge of the gravel to make it easier for people and wheelchairs to reach the entrance. The work will be carried out by local volunteers on a date to be advised. If

you are able to help then please contact Ian McFadyen (Tel 630150).

The Trustees are also pleased to report that the hearing loop system in the main hall has been checked by the Royal Institute for the Deaf

and found to be functioning correctly. There is, however, a separate, intermittent, problem with the PA system and the Trustees are working with the installer to resolve this issue.

Volunteers Required

Helping need not be hard or scary you only need to give the time you can spare and do what you are happy to contribute. Now is a good time to think about helping as the hall is getting busier and more help is needed to keep it running well and looking attractive.

It is the LITTLE things that make a BIG difference so if YOU can give a LITTLE time or exper-

tise then please do get in touch.

We need help with a wide range of things, include general tidying inside the hall, gardening, grass cutting, looking after notice boards or the indoor plants, ensuring we recycle properly in our eco-friendly hall, minor maintenance, helping at fundraising events, designing posters and signs etc.

All offers of help will be gratefully received so

please give us a call, send an email or leave us a name and contact number in the suggestion box at the hall.... we will get back to you!



If you would like offer your services or find out more then contact details are provided at the bottom of this page.

Brian & Shirley Wigglesworth have helped tidy the gardens around the hall and Yvonne Kendrick helps in the kitchen on Farmer's Market days—Thank You!

Coming Events (see www.victoryhall.info for more details)

Don't forget the Farmers Market 2nd Saturday of every month. Enjoy a cuppa & bacon roll while chatting to friends. New stalls coming in September.

We hope to run a **Junior Drama Club** in the NVH on Sundays between 19th September and 28th November 2:30 to 4pm each week. If you are interested please contact Judi Daykin on 01692 650821 for more information.

Enjoy an Evening with **Sid Kipper** Saturday 10th September 8pm.

New Victory Hall **1st Birthday Party** on Saturday 18th September 2pm to 4pm. Families welcome. **It's free** and tea and cakes will be provided.

CPRE Open Days at the New Victory Hall. Various times between 23rd and 26th September. Booking in advance is essential. Call 01603 761660.



A big Thank You to the Norfolk Wherry Brass Band who played an enjoyable fund raising event on behalf of the new hall in July, raising over £800.

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