



New Rowledge Village Hall

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Planning Consent Granted and New Site Purchase Agreed

It is fortunate for us all that, just in time, an excellent site became available on Fullers Road - a perfect size and location close to other village facilities. The RVH Trustees signed a deal to buy the site, which was affordable from existing cash reserves. After extensive consultations, a Planning Application was made and Consent was granted in October 2022.

The new site is close to the Recreation Ground, School & Sports Clubs. It is surrounded by mature trees and will have attractive gardens to the front and rear. There will be on-site parking for twenty-one cars (including four EV Fast-chargers and three disabled spaces). The two halls within the new building will be similar in size to the current ones, but the new central lobby will ensure good acoustic separation and allow direct access to the kitchen & toilets from both sides.

Eventually, the existing hall will be sold as housing development land, but will remain in use until the new hall is complete.



The Next 100 years for South Farnham's Most-Important Community Hub

Rowledge Village Hall (RVH) is by far the most well-used, open-to-everyone, low-cost Community Building within South Farnham. It has served this area well for over a hundred years, run entirely by the community, for the community. The existing RVH has a large main hall, together with an attractive smaller hall fronting onto the Long Road in Rowledge.

However, it is facing an imminent threat of closure. The lightweight un-insulated structure, with no foundations, has long been an issue, but during the pandemic the halls were left damp and unheated for extended periods - leading to rapid deterioration of the building fabric. Almost everyone now agrees that a new hall is the only way forward.



View from Fullers Road looking east



Site Plan



Aerial photo

The New Village Hall Will Support Many Additional Activities

The existing hall supports a wide range of weekly exercise classes as well as many social, cultural and family events - quite literally from the cradle to the grave. (See our web-site for details). Despite the poor condition of the existing building, the frequency and variety of activities far exceed any other community facility in South Farnham. We look forward to working with all our existing users in a new Zero-carbon Community Building, fit for the 21st century and beyond. With a new hall, many new activities will be possible, including: Fully-catered events; Amateur Dramatics; Choir rehearsals; Men-in Sheds Group; and a Gardening Club. We also expect to welcome back some who have left recently because of the dilapidations and the lack of parking, such as: Mother & Toddlers, Pre-school children; Ballroom Dancing and the WI.



Aerial view looking east

The Most Active Community Hub in South Farnham

Weekly Activities

- Pilates x 3
- Core4 Fitness x 3
- Physio-led senior fitness x 2
- Yoga x 3
- Zumba x 3
- Ballet (age 3-17) x 3
- Beavers/Cubs/Scouts
- Adult Art Group
- Coffee Spot (with cakes)
- Badminton Club
- Children's parties
- Private parties for: christenings, funerals, weddings, anniversaries and birthdays (including a recent 100th Birthday)

Recent One-off Events

- Music Concerts
- Themed Jazz Evening
- The Village Competition
- Quiz nights
- History Lectures
- Exhibitions
- Fund-raisers
- Sports Club Dinners
- Coronation Lunch
- Polling Station
- Skittles Night
- Meeting Place for charities (e.g. RNLI) and local community organisations, (e.g. Residents Association and Village Fair Committee) - often provided free of charge.

New Activities Possible with New Hall

- Fully-catered events including Club Dinners and Weddings.
- Rowledge WI meetings.
- Mother & Toddler Group
- Pre-School Group with outdoor play area.
- Wider range of indoor sports including Short Tennis
- Drama Group
- Choir Rehearsals
- Men-in-Sheds Group
- Ballroom Dancing
- Showcase for Zero-carbon Green technology
- Village Fayre Barn Dance
- Business meetings and Exhibitions.



View from School Road looking north

Let's get this done!

We're getting close to starting on site but we need you to show your support to 'Your Fund Surrey'. You don't need to live in Surrey to vote.

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