

Community case studies: energy performance projects

Organisation: Picket Piece Village Hall

Location: Picket Piece

Ward: Andover – Downlands

Overview

The refurbishment of Picket Piece Village Hall was required to modernise and futureproof the facility, ensuring it remains safe, accessible, and sustainable for the community. The project aimed to reduce electricity costs while improving the hall's environmental and financial sustainability, supporting the community's needs well into the future

Project Overview

The upgrade included a full refurbishment of the village hall including side and rear extensions, internal reconfiguration, installation of store cupboards, a new modern kitchen, car park extension, toilet upgrades including a new disabled toilet and baby change facilities. The refurbishment also focused on sustainability, with the installation of solar panels.

Funding

Multiple funding sources were used for this project. These include:

- Community Infrastructure Levy
- Section 106 Agreement
- Community Asset Fund
- Crowdfunding
- Picket Piece Village Hall community



Impact

The overall upgrades helped to make the hall more energy efficient. The solar panels have enabled the hall to reduce their energy bills and become more resilient to future climate change as they will be able to produce their own electricity during power outages.

Next Steps

The next phase of the project is to raise money for battery storage so they are able to store the energy produced by the solar panels.

Where to find out more

You can find out more about Test Valley Borough Council's community grants at: <https://www.testvalley.gov.uk/communityandleisure/communities/workingwithcommunities/communitygrants>

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