

Community Heat Scheme

From the Teams meeting on the 21st March:

- The updated Energy Efficiency Guidance booklet is now published on the [Council's website](#) and linked from the [Action on Energy website](#)
- HUG Phase 2 (Home Upgrade Grants): Retrofits on 45 properties across the county have been completed.
- Stakeholder event in Ely on 24th April for “County Council consultation & Action Plan on Communities Benefitting from Energy Transition”.

The next Teams meeting with CCC will be on the 30th May.

Gigabit Broadband

The free community hub service for the Village Hall is fully operational with upload/download speeds over 900 Mbps. The Shop Committee have purchased a digital phone interface contract with Voipfone and an adapter to interface the existing phone and burglar alarms, saving around £35 / month; the phone number remains the same.

Gigaclear are proposing to run some “connectivity classes” at a number of stations covering topics such as:

- Home networking (not just Gigaclear)
- Malicious emails and spam
- Internet shopping/banking
- Online fraud
- Protecting yourself online
- Device diagnosis
- Getting you online

MVAS

For March, the MVAS's were located by Chestnut Close (incoming from Buckden/Perry) and in Breach Road, monitoring traffic into the S-bends. Data has been downloaded, which showed similar speed profiles to previous occasions at these locations, and saved in pCloud. The MVASs are now located by the Cinnamon (monitoring northbound traffic) and at a new location (orientation) in the 40 mph buffer zone heading towards Perry/Buckden.

Village Hall Bookings and Finances

The Village Hall is currently booked on a weekly basis for 10 sessions, being Line Dancing, Pilates (x2) Band practice (2 hrs), Art Club (3 hrs), Little Fishes (2 hrs), Karate (x3), dance class and Tang Soo Doo.

Tea and Chat is still on the last Thursday of the month and is well supported.

The hall has been busy hosting several children's birthday parties.

5 weekly Lent Lunches were held commencing Monday February 19th and were attended by 20+ parishioners each week. The use of the hall was greatly appreciated by those attending.

“Messy Church” was held on the morning of Good Friday, March 29th and was extremely well attended by both children and their parents.

A Race Night is to be held on April 20th to fund raise for village shop repairs, hosted by the Grafham Trout and Grafham Community shop.

The hall has been booked on dates in June and October to hold a Market/Fair being organised by Brenda Lyons who raises funds for Save the Children by holding these events across this and adjoining counties.

Since October the electricity bill has increased enormously and the Village Hall Committee will be looking at charging a higher rate for hire of the hall for the period 1st October to 31st March.

The Hall is also used on a monthly basis by the Parish Council, Shop Committee and Tea & Chat.

The cost of hiring the Hall from 1st October 2023 is £11 an hour for village use and £16 an hour outside the village. Payment for private events is required when bookings are made.