

Terms of Reference for the Village and Community Halls Network

1. The Village and Community Halls Network will work together with ACRE to share good practice and help protect village and community halls by contributing to the development of appropriate legislation and regulation.
2. The founding members of The Village and Community Halls Network will be the current Executive Committee of the National Village Halls Forum.
3. The Village and Community Halls Network is open for membership to village hall management committees or individuals on those committees, county-based village hall associations, representatives of organisations, or individuals with an interest in village halls.
4. ACRE and the Village and Community Halls Network will not provide advice, support and information for individual halls. This will continue to be provided by the local ACRE Network members.
5. ACRE will support the Village and Community Halls Network by providing a web page for raising awareness of the Network and by keeping all members of the Network up to date and informed on matters relating to village and community halls.
6. The Village and Community Halls Network will contribute to discussion on issues affecting village and community halls using email, Skype, blogs, Facebook and Twitter, as appropriate.
7. The Village and Community Halls Network will bring issues to the attention of ACRE and other members of the Village and Community Halls Network.
8. The Village and Community Halls Network will bring issues to the attention of local MPs and other county and regional organisations such as local authorities.
9. The Village and Community Halls Network will act as local contacts for press work, speaking with the press, and providing case studies and evidence or examples of issues affecting halls.
10. Members of the Village and Community Halls Network group will occasionally be willing to attend meetings to raise awareness of issues with Government Ministers or Departments or similar policy making bodies.

**Agreed by the current Executive Committee of the National Village Halls Forum
18th May 2016**