



PLEASE HELP YOUR VILLAGE HALL

WHY WE NEED YOUR HELP



Peaslake Village Hall has stood proudly at the centre of our village since 1923, as the venue for numerous events and celebrations – and continues to be the focal point for Peaslake Summer Fair, the Christmas Evening, the Peaslake Players productions, and many other events.

Not surprisingly, it is starting to show its 92 years of public service and is in desperate need of care and attention to bring it up to modern standards.

With this in mind the Trustees are launching an appeal to raise much-needed funds for renovation and upkeep – and are asking you, as residents and friends of Peaslake, to help in as big or small a way as you can afford.

For those of you who might wish to make a donation in the name of a friend or family member there are items like notice boards which can have a plaque placed on them. So please ask if you are interested in personalising your donation in this way.

HOW TO HELP

Please fill in the form below, letting us know the amount you can donate – and return it to the address shown.

PLEASE FILL IN THIS FORM TO DONATE

THEN DETACH AND POST IT TO:

The Treasurer
Peaslake Village Hall
Walking Bottom
Peaslake
Surrey GU5 9RR

Tel: 07787 412528

Email: treasurer@peaslakevillagehall.com

I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION TO PEASLAKE VILLAGE HALL

Please tick one of the three boxes below:

Monthly Annually Once only*

£
Donation amount

* For one-off payments, make cheques payable to Peaslake Village Hall

YOUR PERSONAL DETAILS

Address

Postcode
Email

GIFT AID DECLARATION

You can make your gift worth 25% more by making a Gift Aid declaration. Please tick the box below:

I am a UK taxpayer and would like Peaslake Village Hall to claim back the tax on all donations I have made in the past four years, and on any future donations. I understand that if I pay less income tax and/or capital gains tax than the amount of Gift Tax claimed on all my donations in that tax year, that it is my responsibility to pay the difference.

Signature
Print full name
Date

If you wish to make regular payments, please contact the Treasurer for details of our bank account.



THE HISTORY OF THE HALL



The Peaslake War and Spottiswoode Memorial Hall started life at a public meeting held on the 22 February 1919, when it was decided to build a Village Hall as a memorial to all those Peaslake men who went to serve in the Great War.

A site for it was given by Sir Reginald Bray and a large part of the cost was covered by a generous gift of money from the two Miss Spottiswoode. Initial construction was completed in 1923.

To begin with, it was not really a hall, but three separate rooms – one for men, one for women and one for a boy's club – each with their own access, which explains why we still have three entrance doors. To the rear there was a corridor with a small kitchen and ladies room at the south end, and a corridor with storeroom and gents at the north end.

By the end of WW2 the women's room was mainly used as a reading room and library and the original segregation of the sexes no longer made sense, so the first major alteration was to demolish the partition walls and create a long narrow hall, with a very small stage at the north end. Sufficient to allow dances, parties, village evenings and amateur dramatics.

The popularity of dramatics led to a major extension of the hall in 1974, when the centre section of the long west wall was removed and the area between corridors enclosed to construct the present stage and dressing rooms that provide the Peaslake Players with such a good base for local theatre productions.

However, by 1990 the building was beginning to show its age, so the trustees at the time, drew up a long programme of works to improve the structure and its amenities.

In that year an appeal was launched and was very successful in providing donations and covenants that gave increased capital and income.

Over the years a considerable amount of money was spent in carrying out the programme of works. Including reconstruction of the hall floor, enlarged kitchen and storage facilities, new heating, disabled access and new toilets, better insulation, and continuous maintenance of the building fabric.

THE HALL TODAY

Two years ago the building really showed its age with an attack of dry rot affecting the kitchen, ladies toilets and the roof. The cost of work essential to dealing with this meant a loss of most of the reserves that had been accumulated over recent years, and so has left the hall very vulnerable.

The Hall committee actively seeks local authority grants – and would like to thank Shere Parish Council and Guildford Borough Council for the recent grant to renew the parking area in front of the Hall.

But the Village Hall now needs:

- A new kitchen to include stainless steel work surfaces, sinks, fridge freezer, dishwasher, extractors and a stove
- A replacement boiler
- New fire and intruder alarms
- New lighting in the auditorium
- Chairs and furniture
- Refurbishment of the floors, toilets, cupboards, curtains and notice boards
- Repainting of the whole interior.

The Hall does not have the funds to undertake these vital refurbishments. To carry out this work we need to raise £90,000.

The Hall cannot sustain itself on bookings alone. It is a very valuable asset to the village of Peaslake – and we ask for your help in keeping it that way.



PLEASE SUPPORT US!

THIS IS OUR FIRST APPEAL IN OVER 25 YEARS



Your donation, big or small, really will make a difference to the way in which we can look after the Hall in the coming years.

Please help us take care of this essential part of Peaslake village life by giving what you can.

FRIENDS OF THE HALL

Why not become a **Friend of the Hall** by pledging £1,000 or more. Payable as you feel comfortable, with up to 40 monthly donations of £25 by standing order (please request the standing order form from the Treasurer).

GET IN TOUCH

For more information about giving, or for details on how to personalise your gift – perhaps for a friend or family member – please get in touch:

**Peaslake Village Hall
Walking Bottom
Peaslake
Surrey GU5 9RR**

Treasurer: Tony Robinson
treasurer@peaslakevillagehall.com
Tel: 07787 412528

Secretary: Nick Edwards
secretary@peaslakevillagehall.com

Chairman: Michael Urban
info@peaslakevillagehall.com