



Impact of Energy Costs Wiltshire Village Halls

Halls surveyed in Nov 22

185+

Village halls and community buildings supported by Community First through Wiltshire Village Halls Association (WVHA) network

114

Halls or buildings responded



61%

Response rate

5%

CLOSED

At risk of full or partial closure this winter

95%

OPEN

Will remain open throughout winter months

"The crunch time will come in April next year when our current 3-year arrangement expires."

"We hope not to close but may have to increase lettings charges to cover energy costs but this would risk losing hirings."

Factors affecting the ability of halls to remain open and viable

Considering *full closure* (2 halls)

Considering *reduced open hours* (9 halls)

Cost of heating oil

Cost of electricity

Increase in operational costs

Fewer bookings

"Our energy costs have rocketed. We have had to ask users for supplementary payment."

94 years

Average age of halls surveyed in Wiltshire

"The cost of heating has more than doubled, but we are struggling to maintain the current level of income leading to losses and draining of our reserves."

Future Concerns

- Impact of increased costs when fixed-term contracts for halls come to an end in Spring/Summer 2023.
- Lack of information about financial support and local grant funding for energy efficiency improvements.
- Halls using reserves to meet costs and impact on future sustainability.

