

Impact of Energy Costs Wiltshire Village Halls

185+

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

1114 Halls or buildings responded

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61% Response rate

COMMUNITY FIRST

CLOSED

At risk of full or partial closure

95%

Will remain open throughout

winter months



Considering <u>full closure</u> (2 halls)



Considering reduced open hours (9 halls)

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

"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



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Cost of electricity



Increase in operational costs

Cost of heating oil

bookings

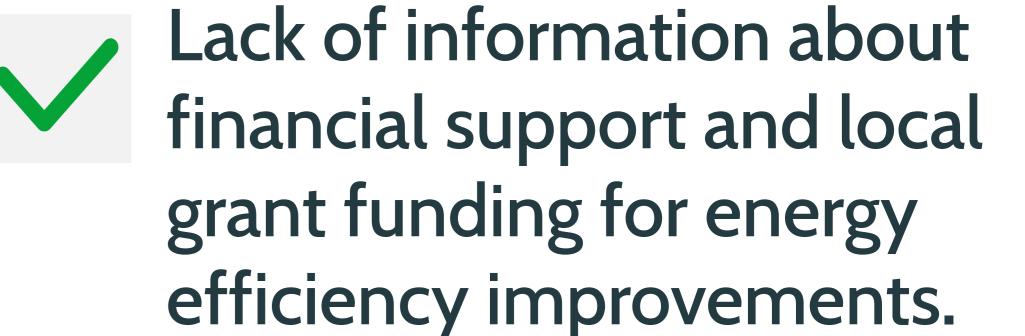


"The cost of heating has more than doubled, but we are struggling to maintain the current level of income leading to losses and draining of our reserves."



Impact of increased costs when fixed-term contracts for halls come to an end in Spring/Summer 2023.

Future Concerns



Halls using reserves to meet costs and impact on future sustainability.



OPEN

this winter





94 years

Average age of halls surveyed in Wiltshire



