RESULTS OF THE CHITTLEHAMPTON VILLAGE HALL SURVEY

NOVEMBER 2026

At our Annual General Meeting in October, we discussed options to further develop the Village Hall and the need to prioritise those options to determine how our limited cash reserves should be spent. The five options were Kitchen, Decking, Car Park, Landscaping, Warm Space as described on the voting slip.

Results

The results of this survey, below, confirm the community's priorities.

The priorities for each option are show graphically from priority 1 (very high) to 5 (very low). In each graph, the green columns are the percentage of votes from those living in the village (villagers) and the purple columns are the percentage of votes from those who travelled from outside to the bingo and whist evenings (visitors). All are members of the community with a right to vote and be considered equally.

The installation of new decking and refurbishment of the kitchen are clearly the two highest priority options with Decking (52% priority 1) over Kitchen (36% priority 1). The Kitchen is the clear second highest priority (40% priority 2) and there a good level of priority 3 support (37%) for the Car Park over Landscape and Warm Space.

All comments received on the survey forms are included below and are anonymised.

Conclusions

The outcome of the survey shows that new decking is the highest priority for the community. However, as raised at our AGM in October, the funds reserved for improvements are limited and we must be realistic and consider best value for money for all improvements. With this in mind, the trustees have come to the view that the complex design of the approved plan for the terrace should be reviewed regarding its potential cost of installation, its long-term durability and its limited revenue-earning potential. We are looking at alternative designs that, as a priority, are both affordable and durable but still perform the key function of satisfactory exits from the rear of the Hall, especially for disabled and fire access.

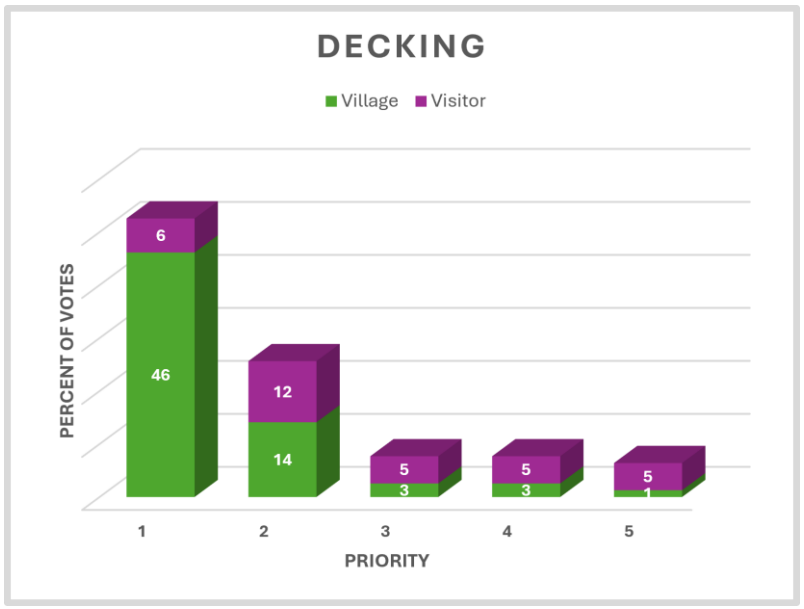
The comments raise some interesting views which will be considered but we ask that you recognise that the sole purpose of the survey was to identify your priorities and we now need to assess what can be achieved with the resources we have available and can generate via grants to best meet those priorities.

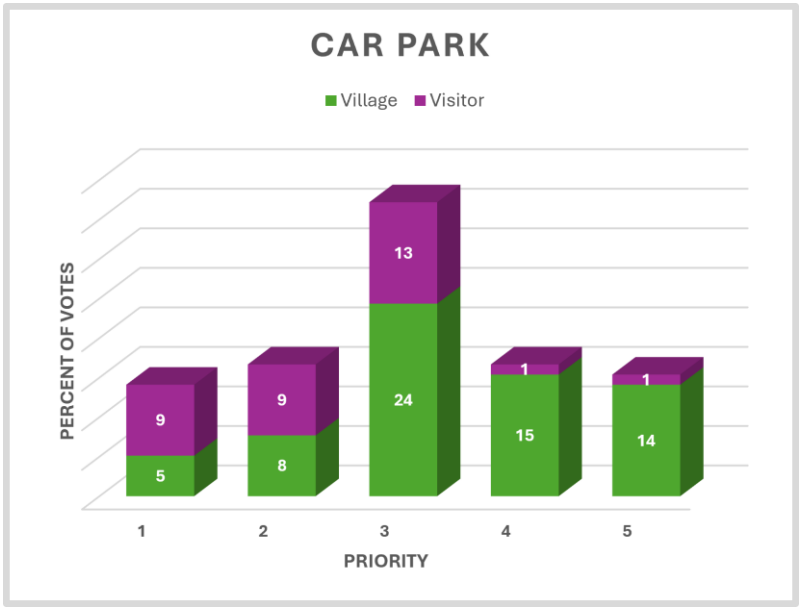
Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete and return the survey forms, your feedback is important to us. The survey results will feed directly into a grant application underway for the decking and future applications for your priorities, as the opportunities arise, and will help trustees to decide where to best invest our reserves over coming months.

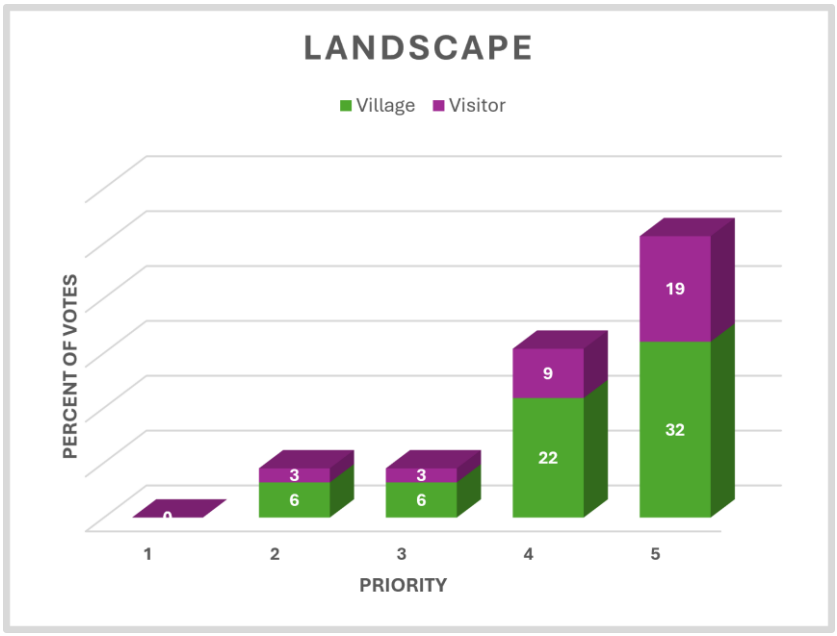
The draw for the £20 winning ticket took place at the Lunch Club on 18th November and the winner was Rose Alsopp. Congratulations to Rose and thank you to everyone who took part in the survey to allow us to better understand what you want from your village hall.

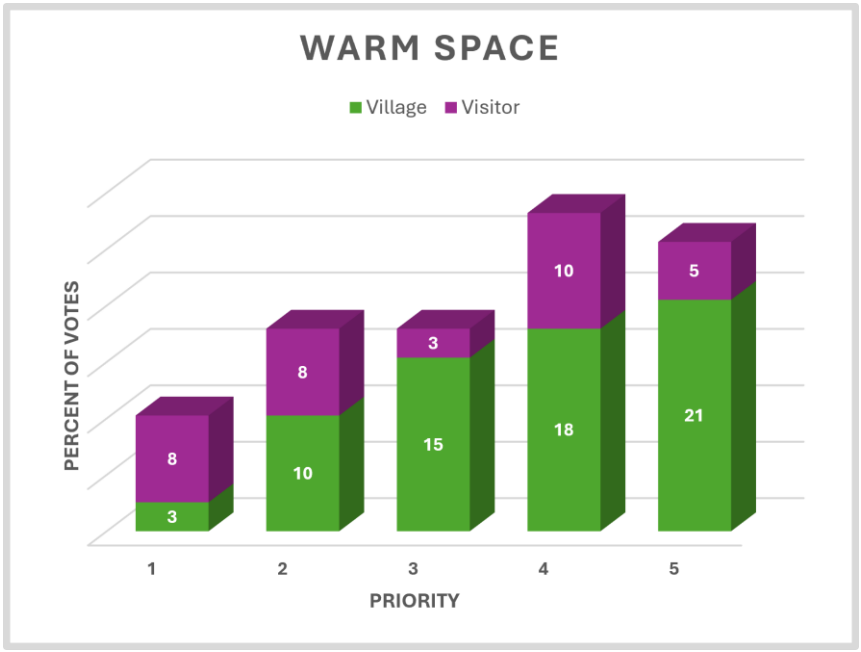
Chittlehampton Village Hall Trustees


KITCHEN
Village
Visitor
PERCENT OF VOTES
14
22
12
28
5
10
1
5
1
1
2
3
4
5
PRIORITY


DECKING
Village
Visitor
PERCENT OF VOTES
6
46
12
14
5
3
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3
5
1
1
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PRIORITY


CAR PARK
Village
Visitor
PERCENT OF VOTES
9
5
9
8
13
24
1
15
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PRIORITY


LANDSCAPE
Village
Visitor
PERCENT OF VOTES
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3
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19
32
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PRIORITY


WARM SPACE
Village
Visitor
PERCENT OF VOTES
8
3
8
10
3
15
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18
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21
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PRIORITY

Survey 2026 Comments on Future Developments for Chittlehampton Village Hall

1. Make things more natural
2. Lighting in car park
3. I assume kitchen will be existing one. Will warm space be in meeting room?
4. Better lighting in car park
5. Better lighting in car park
6. Better lighting in car park
7. Decking would be a big draw in the Summer for families and evening events
8. As the car park is small compared to the people using it, lined parking bays are needed. A lot of drivers don't know how to park sensibly
9. Future developments are vital to give the local community an accessible, appropriate space to come together
10. Yes, marking parking bays
11. EV bays would be a need in the not too distant future. Government is promoting electric vehicles but a lot of properties do not have drives to charge their vehicles.
12. Car park and warm space - would enhance the quality of the village life of the village people and outsiders
13. Very nice and comfortable (warm space)
14. Usually only use the hall once a week but think that the decking and access are the most important
15. The decking will allow better access to and from the hall especially during the Summer when the rear door can be left open
16. The decking proposal apart from making the rear emergency exit for the disabled, it would open up the rear of the hall, which I think at the moment is the most important of the five. Others could follow when the finance is available
17. Landscaping - ongoing cost is the issue here - unlikely to get grants except as capital expenditure
18. Car Park - low priority based on value of waiting to do at same time as EV charging installation
19. Landscaping and comfortable space are just niceties so of little/no importance. The decking is a safety feature because of the fire doors so I believe that has to be first on the list
20. I have placed landscaping as my 5th priority but I think it will be the cheapest option so may be higher up the list. I think the car park could benefit from car parking spaces and painted as sometimes the cars are parked very badly not optimising the space
21. Investing in some good lighting (similar to Beaford Arts recently brought to the jazz quartet night) would really enhance the ambiance at other music gigs. The current lighting makes the atmosphere 'stripped bare' – could it be made warmer tone lighting in meantime?
22. Potential to combine the car park and landscaping projects at some point in the future?
23. Car Park – I feel it is adequate at the moment, any monies would be better spent on other developments. 'Space markings' should be carefully thought about, white lines would be very 'hard' and visibly inappropriate
24. If you are wanting to increase use of the hall for a variety of events – weddings etc, outside planting and planters are needed to improve the appearance of the hall and 'soften' the outside

25. Decking is very important to maximise the new open space aspect and access to the field.
26. The terrace is an integral part of the hall design for which we gained our grant. If you change the design you will need planning permission. Don't be naively led to thinking balustrades will be cheaper. It's a public building according to B Regs. The Architect knew what he was doing. You have a reserve allocated to the terrace, you will be deceiving people if you don't use it as planned.
27. The decking/rear terrace is the most important as Lewis' temporary emergency steps need replacing but, stick to the plans that the architect has already drawn up/passed by the planning authority. These will enhance both the external look of the hall and its potential usage while adhering to the rules on public safety and liability. I have already contributed money to this terrace project.
28. Any further development to the hall will add to its attraction for future hiring and enjoying. Plus I think the village itself leans to the halls choice of venue – being safe and friendly
29. Decking would benefit the community the most and meet fire safety requirements
30. The kitchen and decking should be the priorities in order to make the hall more practical, usable and inviting
31. Decking would enhance the outside appearance and good for photo shots
32. What about making some of the grass area at side of village hall into car parking area! Then locals wouldn't have to keep moving their vehicles in order for events such as bingo/whist drives if locals kept to lower side of hall car park!?
33. Decking is essential for health and safety (or similar to keep it weed free!!). The car park needs improving and residents area marked plus disabled parking. What will the school kitchen be used for if not a kitchen? It's wasted space at present. Landscaping needs careful thought and should NOT include pots which get neglected. Stick to shrubs and ground cover plants to add interest.

End of Report