Action in rural Sussex offers a subscription service to trustees, councillors, clerks, committee members or managers responsible for a

- Village Hall
- Community Centre
- Parish Room
- other Community Buildings

The service provides specialist support and information on all aspects of running a community building.

There is also access to an expert consultancy service for more detailed and complex needs.

For all initial enquiries and further details of the service please email

villagehalls@ruralsussex.org.uk

""Thank you for all the work you do for village halls. It took me three years to persuade my committee that your subscription was worth paying for membership but I think as things have turned out they agree it is well worth the money!"

Mr P. H-B, Rottingdean





## Village Halls Subscription Service

**General enquiries** 

01273 473422

info@ruralsussex.org.uk

## **Service Benefits**

- Dedicated professional support and guidance via phone, email, and meetings (online and in person).
- Membership of online forum to meet and share ideas, questions and knowledge with fellow trustees.
- Monthly e-bulletins with news, funding updates and training opportunities.
- Workshops, training courses and networking events
- Access to over 80 Information Sheets, Guidance Notes and Model Documents covering topics including: governance, insurance, legislation, employment, entertainment & licensing, health & safety, fire prevention etc
- 2 annual conferences with guest speakers and service providers.
- Representation at national level through ACRE, liaison with Charity Commission, local and central government consultations.





## Additional support from Sussex Community Buildings Advisory Group (SCBAG)

A core group of representatives from village halls across both counties which

- Promotes and champions the needs of community buildings
- Supports the AirS team with feedback from committees about topical issues, needs and practical help
- Supports local halls with advice and sharing knowledge gained from experience
- Responds to Government and public sector consultations

## Consultancy Services for specialist support

- Advice on capital projects, development, funding
- Community Consultation & Engagement
- Business Plans
- Funding applications
- Mediation & Representation
- Contract & Licence negotiation
- Legal, Constitutional and Charity matters (e.g. changing governing documents, CIO transfer),
- Financial Sustainability and Reserves,
- Contact with legal advisor specialising in charity property