

**Isle Abbotts Village Hall Survey April 2011
Comments**

1 How many people, including children live in your	One at university and one working away
3 How long have you lived in your home?	Not yet occupied
4 What are the main reasons your chose to live in Isle Abbotts	Farm here On marriage Only bungalow available Retirement & countryside Rural area close to work We didn't choose to live here we were just meant to be here. We moved away from London to pay off the mortgage. We couldn't live anywhere else now we love it here.
6 Do you have internet	Am not aware that this is possible but as this is anonymous how can I get this info No didn't realise that We regularly view the village website its very good
8 Do you have children of playgroup age	Prefer a group where parents could attend & keep sick children at home
9 Do you feel that you have adequate sports and leisure facilities in Isle Abbotts?	All I need I have to go to Langport for squash don't expect sports club in a small village. Maybe a rounders/kick about space Not athletic Not into sports Personally not interested in sport but other people might like more sport available Probably but feel that could do more in the way of community social sports activities There are no sports facilities only back gardens Leisure facilities ok
10 Do you participate in any of the following activities, which already take place locally?	I used to do all the above but time constraints sadly prevent at present Not now but have done in the past Sewing club Were on village hall committee When possible Wrong church for us
11 If you do not participate in a leisure/sport activity, is it because	Do not want to Do not want to activities do not appeal Don't want to Happy as I am Have a very hectic & varied work schedule How about day time tai chi classes Never yet lived in the village No time Not sporty The activities do not appeal We are involved with community activities but is dependant upon times as we both work Would be interested in details of walking group
12 We have listed facilities, fund raising ideas, which can realistically be provided by the Committee. Which ones would you attend regularly if provided?	A lot of. Mostly I believe the activities occur at times we cannot attend, it's not that we don't want to be involved Do not like the term club e.g. breakfast club otherwise yes Gardening club probably not viable due to size of village and cost of speakers Health restrictions render us unable to commit though I usually attend anything that I can take my daughter to. I do not go without her. All the functions we have attended we have really enjoyed. Jumble sales & auctions Scrabble & Chess club once improvements have been carried out
13 Do you think the Village Hall is adequate for the needs of The Community in Isle Abbotts?	Feel unable to comment For most events+ use of marquee but needs some refurbishment I think the village hall is too small and the irregular shape makes some functions difficult

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	Not at present
	Not really
	Once modernisation complete
	Rather small, no stage
	Upgrade the toilets to include disabled access needed
	Usually
	With some updating as planned
	Yes an extra room would be nice for smaller committee meetings etc
	Yes but needs updating
	Yes it is large enough for the majority of events held within the community and supports larger events
	Yes its quaint traditional & perfectly functional
	Yes once renovated
	Yes once updated off road parking would be useful
	Yes supplies good variety of events
	Yes very much so
14 Do you use the Village Hall to attend activities or for your own events?	Attend events
	Both (2)
	Both often used it for children's parties
	Children's parties. Playgroup-all three children have attended. 5 years of use so far!
	have in the past
	Haven't done so but will keep in mind
	No (3)
	No its not big enough Maybe
	Sometimes
	Sometimes
	To attend activities
	We have been to a fayre
	Yes (19)
	Yes have used it-vey good
	Yes, have used it for work related business meetings
15 If the hall was updated would you use the facility?	About the same but needs an update
	As usual
	Attend events regularly now
	Don't know
	If it catered for my needs
	It would be far more comfortable and modern additional would depend on activities
	May be (3)
	No (6)
	No its fine as it is
	Not because it has been updated but there may be more going on
	Perhaps, yes
	Possibly (5)
	Quite possible might encourage more people to join keep fit
	The hall needs updating and modernisation
	Yes (8)

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16 Do you use the mobile library service?	Always forget the dates but would use it. Great idea for kids
	Did in the past
	Keep forgetting
	Not at the moment
	Occasionally
	Sometimes
	Wasn't aware it came to the village would do if knew when
	We work
17 If we lost the mobile library would you use the village hall if we had books available in the hall once a month?	If child related
	Maybe (6)
	N/A (2)
	Not committed readers
	Possibly (4)
	Probably book club & other reading is usually as much as I have time for
	Probably if it was flexible i.e. book exchange CD's etc
	Probably not (3)
18 How well informed do you feel about events/activities organised by the Village Hall?	Informed by email
	never receive any information re events
	often miss information until the last moment
	Part of committee
	Rely on being told
19 Where so you usually get information about what is being organised by the Village Hall?	Already on email
	Communication is very good in the village
	I don't get any email
	Possibly by email
	There's always lots of information available
	Website (2)
20 Which of the above communications do you find the most useful?	All
	Duck House - very visual
	Email
	email & flyer
	Email Website
	Email Website
	Flyers
	Flyers & email
	Flyers & word of mouth
	Flyers/newsletter (2)
	Newsletter & email
	Newsletter (3)
	Notice Board
	Notice board & magazine
	Notice boards (2)
	Notice boards & website
	Parish mag / notice board
	Parish magazine
	Take your pick
	Updates website & posters- good flyers recently
	Website & newsletter are great but word of mouth is best
	Website (4)
	Website flyers newsletter parish magazine
Website is very good	

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21 Do any of the following raise concerns for you in Isle Abbots	Apart from theft does Isle Abbots suffer from any of the above
	Cars & motor vehicles seem to be increasing speeds through village there are children animals horses on narrow roads speed not appropriate
	Cars whizz past here lots of kids and dogs here
	Drink Driving
	Litter on verges
	Not really
	Rubbish bags not sealed causing litter and recycle boxes too
	Suggest 20mph speed limit
22 Do you feel unsafe in Isle Abbots?	Anxious at night presence of community police needs stepped up
	As above
	Best place to live
	Fell very safe
	Happy to walk in the village at night
23 In the last three years have you been a victim of crime in Isle Abbots?	Never
24 Do you have a health problem or disability that	Yes bike was stolen
27 Would you like to see more facilities for the following age group which could realistically be provided by the Committee	Not sure if there is anything the committee could help with but thank you
27 Would you like to see more facilities for the following age group which could realistically be provided by the Committee	A Playing Field
	All age groups
	Always good to keep teenagers occupied
	Art craft & drama
	As there are more people going into these age groups, it would be lovely for them to have something to do. Park/club etc
	Definitely there is little for the young in the village and we believe that additional activities could really support & encourage them to stay in the village
	Improved outdoor play area for the children to visit in the holidays/weekends which we can walk to an not have to drive to fivehead
	More in favour of mixed age activities on Sundays
	n/a (4)
	No (2)
	No comment (2)
	Not concerned
	Our kids do so much with school friends scouts clubs in curry mallet fab playgroup here no need for anything else
	Summer holiday activity days Possibly
	Wonder whether in the 10-16 year olds anyone has come forward and asked e.g. football
Youth Club (3)	
Youth Club field for sports	
28 If land were available and funding could be found would you be in favour of the establishment of a village	Good idea
	Not personally
	Not sure good facilities in Fivehead
	Yes as long as its away from the houses
29 Do you think there is need for adult education provisions in the area?	Available in Ilminster/Tauton etc. Where there is demand satellite classes are usually laid on if possible
	Feel options nearby are sufficient
	I think this is provided in towns nearby
	It all helps
	Not sure there is a need
	Perhaps not so much as education but life long learning facilities to support hobbies etc
	Possibly
	Unsure
30 Would you be interested in helping with event/functions that the village hall committee	Already help out (2)
	Already involved. but if I weren't probably would
	Husband happy to help Sundays weekday evenings

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organise without having to be on the committee?	n/a	
	No (2)	
	No not fit enough	
	Occasionally	
	Possibly	
	Sorry no	
	We were on the committee for years but always happy to help out when available	
	Would depend on time of events	
	Yes (16)	
	Yes and my daughter. I am happy to help	
	Yes depending upon time commitments	
	Yes on random basis	
	31 If you could pay for tickets via BACS direct into the village hall account would this	Good idea but prefer a choice
		Not really (2)
General comments	Brilliant news about the grants achieved so far-well done to all those involved-hearty thanks for keeping Isle Abbots alive and kicking	
	Condition of the road - potholes, flooding - mud on the road. Some of the ditches need clearing to allow maximum amount of water to drain away. The passing points on the road need to be tidied up at least once a year	
	I love the events where whole families are included; everyone in the village seems to go to them and all have a good time. It is so nice to look around and feel part of this community, i.e. village fun day, church tower, fireworks, train rides with sap etc a are a few examples of what we enjoyed. Looking forward to the street party.	
	If the village hall looked more like a village hall & not a playgroup facility it would be really good i.e. less art work on the walls	
	If you had dancing of some form of social may raise money but get people away from TV and make new friends	
	In hindsight I think we missed a real opportunity in not purchasing the chapel. I feel the current village hall is too small & the wrong shape for today's needs and to accommodate the ever growing numbers of people in the village. Could the UHC buy some land and build a new hall say at the chicken farm Beware of overload too much going on could be seen as swamping the market the church and playgroup also has to fund raise and you generally find its a case of the same people supporting everything. What about joint events and splitting the profits	
	Inconsiderate parking outside village hall	
	Litter picking & general tidy up days	
	Lovely village friendly people We don't want to change anything we like it as it is. Village events are always a delight although we have been really sad not to have a harvest supper for the past couple of years part of the village culture & transition	
	Most people live in Isle Abbots from choice, most have transport of some kind Winter whist drives may go down well I think the hall committee do a good job for the community and when the village hall has had its overhaul it will be an asset in attracting more residents to make use of	
	Related to playgroup - we have an active group in the village, however when attracting children from outside, the building (especially it being so cold) we have difficulty; due to the state of it and the fact that other villages operate playgroups in newer more attractive halls which have play parks!	
	The present state of the village hall possibly restricts its use i.e. heating in winter comfortable furniture	
	The village hall does need refurbishment and we're grateful to the committee for undertaking this work. Good luck with grant applications. Thanks	
	Village life needs to be balanced between social activities and privacy. Too much will have a negative effect	
	We thoroughly enjoy living in Isle Abbots. There is a great community spirit and lots of activities for the size of the village	