

Victory Hall Survey Results



The Victory Hall will be celebrating its centenary next year. As well as putting on some special events we intend to invest in the hall. Before doing so we felt it important to consider two key questions:

- Is the hall in the right place, or should we move to a new one elsewhere?
- If it stays where it is, should we refurbish it or knock it down and rebuild it?

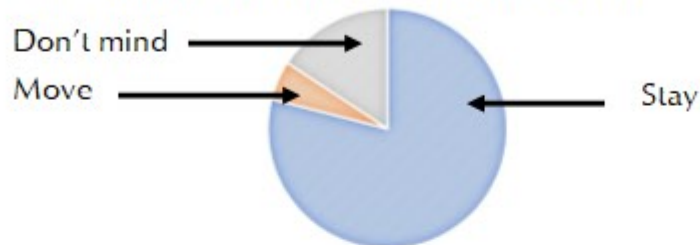
We felt these questions were so important that we should ask the village:

- first, we sought the views of groups who regularly use the hall.
- then, we sought views from the wider community

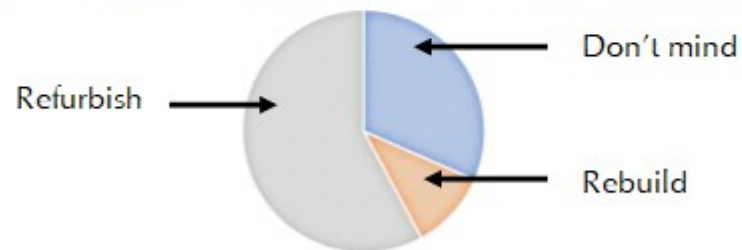
Here are the results of our surveys.

Survey of users

Of the 20 groups that regularly use the hall, 19 responded. The majority view (15 out of 19) wanted the Hall to stay where it is, with the Primary School considering it essential. One organisation wanted to move elsewhere.



Of those that expressed a view, there was a marginal preference (6 out of 19) for the existing hall to be refurbished rather than rebuilt (2 out of 19).



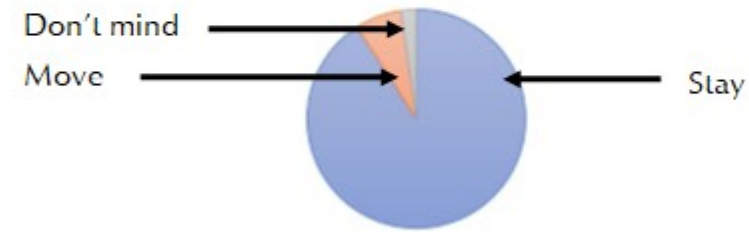
There were a number of other issues raised in replies from users with the most immediate being the urgent need to repair or replace the main hall floor.

Survey of the wider community

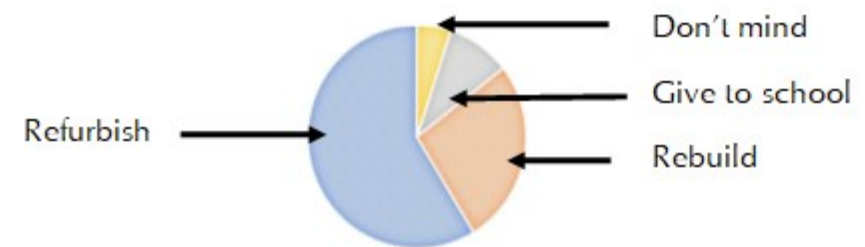
A short questionnaire was sent to every home in the village and open days were held at the hall as well as articles in earlier editions of this magazine. Residents were also encouraged to complete surveys at various village events.

134 survey forms were returned which is about 10% of over 18s in the village. Of those that expressed a view:

119 wanted us to stay where we are and 9 wanted to move elsewhere.



81 favoured refurbishment, 37 wanted a new building and 7 wanted us to give the hall to the school.



We also asked what was good about the hall, what needed improving and what were we not providing or doing?

The top three answers to the question 'What is good about the Hall?' were 'its central local, its proximity to the school, and its size'

The top three answers to the question 'What needs improving?' were 'replace the main hall floor, improve the kitchen, and redecorate'

The top three answers to the question 'What are we not providing or doing?' were 'Providing fitness classes, adult education, and sports facilities'.

In the light of the issues raised the trustees have decided that the hall will remain where it is for the foreseeable future and it will be refurbished.

As a first step £15,000 has been spent on replacing the main hall floor and work has been done to improve the kitchen. Redecoration will be done between bookings and at half term.

We also intend seeking professional advice on the condition of the roof, the walls and their foundations before deciding whether they need renovation or need to be replaced.