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VILLAGE HALL INFORMATION BULLETIN

Martyn's Law

ACRE intends to provide an Information Sheet before the end of this year, and a working group is now in place. Alongside this, ACRE's Model Hiring Agreement will be updated in order to comply with Martyn's Law requirements. A Solicitor will be engaged to check over the Hiring Agreement as it is a legal document.



Someone's Gambling with Your Charity's Money

Utility Aid warns that some charities may be taking unnecessary financial risks through energy procurement decisions.

The article encourages rural communities to look beyond headline prices and focus on supplier resilience, contract clarity, and longer-term planning. In a volatile energy market, stronger governance and due diligence can help protect funds, reduce disruption, and ensure charitable resources are used as intended.

[Click to read the latest thought piece by Utility Aid](#)

Understanding your energy costs is the first step to reducing them

With energy markets continuing to change, having a better understanding of what influences your costs can help you make more informed decisions for your organisation.

In our webinar, recorded on 11th June, we discuss:

- The global events affecting UK energy prices
- The difference between commodity and non-commodity charges
- Why choosing the right energy contract is about managing risk, not just securing the lowest price
- How collective purchasing can help charities achieve better value

This session provided valuable insight into how the energy market works and the key factors that continue to influence costs.

If you'd like to learn more, simply click the link below to watch the webinar

[Market Insights & Reducing Risk Webinar.mp4 - Google Drive](#)

Call for Evidence – help improve charity banking

The Access to Banking Review, chaired by former Which magazine Director Richard Lloyd is taking evidence until 20 July and will be reporting in the Autumn, with possible legislation to follow. This is your opportunity to write in who have experienced problems with High Street banks over the last 8 years. Responses can either be sent by email to Accesstobankingservices@hmtreasury.gov.uk or there is an online survey form which can be completed.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/calls-for-evidence/access-to-banking-services-review-call-for-evidence>

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easyfundraising is a free, easy, and accessible way for your network of volunteers, community and trustees to raise funds for you. They simply shop online with their favourite retailers, including ebay, Booking.com, Tesco, Trainline, Argos, M&S, and 8,000 others via the easyfundraising website or app and the retailer they shop with sends your hall or building monetary donations.

Step up your fundraising this summer – grab your fundraising pack, exclusively for easyfundraising registered organisations

If your hall or building is already registered with easyfundraising, you can [book a call here](#)

Whatever your fundraising goals are, the team at easyfundraising can help you get there. This month, they are offering 250 exclusive online fundraising packs to village halls and community buildings in our area.

How to get yours

To get your hands on your complementary pack, simply follow these steps:

1. Register your hall or community building for free funding with easyfundraising [here](#)

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/village-hall-funding>

2. When prompted, choose the option to schedule a call with a member of the team, who will then send you your free pack and

explain how easyfundraising can help your hall or building with funding.

The Village Halls Podcast

The Village Halls Podcast has been created as a practical, positive and accessible resource³ for village halls across the country. It is designed to support the people who give their time to run, manage and improve these vital community buildings.

Each episode focuses on issues, ideas and real-life examples that are relevant to village halls, including governance, funding, volunteers, community engagement, maintenance, improvement projects, compliance, sustainability and the many day-to-day challenges faced by hall committees.

The aim is simple: to help village hall trustees and volunteers feel better informed, better supported and more confident in their roles.

Recent podcast content also includes Village Hall Essentials – The Ultimate Guide, a practical resource for those involved in running or supporting village halls. It brings together useful guidance, ideas and reminders for committees, particularly where halls are looking to strengthen governance, improve engagement, plan ahead, or simply learn from the experience of others.

Podcast link : www.TheVillageHallsPodcast.com

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