

Hallmark 3 Community and Social Awareness, and Forward Planning

Introduction

Hallmark 3 focuses on the more developmental aspect of a village hall or community building, including community and social awareness and forward planning.

The Devon Hallmark 3 emphasises:

Access and Awareness. Access to and around a hall, by the immediate and wider community is of paramount importance in order to ensure that the hall and services provided are in line with the Disability Discrimination Act, and benefit the older and disabled people within the community. To receive a Hallmark 3 a hall needs to demonstrate that they have commissioned an access audit from a qualified practitioner and that they are working through an action plan of improvements.

Financial Sustainability. A hall should focus on sustainable finance strategies and income generating activities to develop and maintain the hall as a hub for community life for the present day and the future.

Environment. A hall should consider the wider environment, reducing the impact of their building by looking at their use of natural resources (energy, water, waste) as well as conserving and enhancing the hall grounds. To receive a Hallmark 3 a hall needs to show evidence of having completed a full environmental audit of the buildings and its grounds.

It is not possible to receive a Hallmark 3 unless your hall has completed and been approved for the Hallmark 1 and 2. At CCD we would like every hall to be striving for this Award. Every hall is capable of achieving Hallmark 3, although the process of evidencing the checklist might take a little longer than achieving both a Hallmark 1 and 2. If you would like any support in preparing for a Hallmark 3 visit, please contact a member of the Community Buildings Team who will be able to assist you.
