



*Sand Hutton & Claxton*  
VILLAGE HALL

**2024 UPDATE**



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## ORIGIN

Our village hall came into being by way of a 1955 conveyance, in which the original laundry building of Sand Hutton Hall was gifted by the Church Commission to Sand Hutton and Claxton.

The hall was given for the purposes of **'physical and mental training and recreation and social moral and intellectual development through the medium of reading and recreation rooms, library, lectures, classes, recreations and entertainments for the benefit of the inhabitants of the parishes of Sand Hutton and Claxton and its immediate vicinity.'**

A Committee was set up consisting of eight representatives from existing Clubs or Societies, namely the Women's Institute, Mothers Union Social Cricket, Football, and Tennis Clubs.





# THE VILLAGE HALL TODAY

Although the cricket, football and tennis clubs are sadly long gone, and more recently the WI, the Hall broadly fulfils the aims and objectives of the original constitution. There are regular meetings of a Garden Club, Indoor Bowls and Pilates. Occasional Social Saturday and fortnightly Cake and Company meetings provide good opportunities to refresh friendships and meet new residents.

Pop Up Pub nights have been popular, and the recent acquisition of **broadband Wi-Fi** has facilitated the live streaming of sports and potentially other events. Lectures and talks have been given on subjects such as the history of Sand Hutton Hall and the narrow-gauge railway which used to run through the village. Recently there was a presentation by a detectorist group showing us their finds in local fields, including a number of Roman coins.

The Hall continues to be used by many groups including the recently created Community Climate Action Group.

Details of the Clubs and Societies using the Hall can be found here:

<https://www.sandhutton-claxtonvillagehall.org.uk/clubs-societies/>

The Hall has a quiet and cosy meeting room, complete with a library of books and DVDs. It is available for hire for parties, wedding and funeral receptions, clog dancing and musical groups, brownie weekends and as a venue for local company 'away days'.

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Full details of facilities and hire  
are available at:  
[www.sandhutton-claxtonvillagehall.org.uk/availability-booking/](http://www.sandhutton-claxtonvillagehall.org.uk/availability-booking/)



# IMPROVEMENT

The Trustees continue to work towards providing a safe, secure and warm building. Substantial grants have been obtained to fund infrastructure improvements, particularly in connection with improving its energy use efficiency.

Twelve solar panels have been installed, complete with backup battery storage. Two further grants have facilitated the installation of LED lighting throughout, and a major refurbishment is underway to insulate the solid walls and upgrade the roof space insulation.

Future plans include adding double glazing, modernising the heating system and generally creating a more contemporary space.



# INTO THE FUTURE- INCORPORATION & UPDATING THE CONSTITUTION.

At a Village Hall meeting on 2nd September 2022, the Trustees unanimously resolved to apply to the Charity Commission for Sand Hutton and Claxton Village Hall to become a **Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)**, a corporate structure for charities.

A CIO is a legal structure regulated by the Charity Commission and was introduced to help simplify the process for setting up a charity. A CIO is governed by Charity Law (not company Law) and the liability of trustees is limited (rather like being the director of a limited company).

The CIO constitution is close to being approved by the Charity Commission. The CIO will replace the current charity which will be wound up and all the assets transferred to the new Charity. In this way, becoming a CIO helps to safeguard the future of the Hall and the role of the trustees.

The process and advantages of becoming a CIO are explained at:

<https://www.gov.uk/setting-up-charity/structures>



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