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Subject:

Defra village hall grant scheme

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Dear all

Please see below a link to and some information about a new grant for village halls, making £3 million available via Defra with the aim of safeguarding the future of many valued rural community buildings:

https://acre.org.uk/village-hall-grants/

England's village halls are set to benefit from a major new renovation fund launched by the Government on 28 May 2022 to mark Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

At the heart of rural life and communities, village halls are home to fitness classes, coffee mornings, community groups, jumble sales, art clubs and post office services – even in the most remote of locations. They often provide the only place for a community to meet and socialise locally and are vital in tackling loneliness, providing a lifeline for those who can't travel long distances.

The new £3 million grant fund aims to provide a significant boost to rural communities with 125 village halls set to benefit, allowing vital modernisation and improvements to take place.

Kind regards

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