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# Village Halls News and Information

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**Risk Assessment Training**  
Pentrich Village Hall 30 September  
10am to 12.30pm



There is still time to book for this Seminar which will explain how to produce your Record of Fire Safety Risk Assessment necessary under the new fire safety regulations which come into force on 1 October 2006. After this date your fire safety certificate is not valid, although it could be a useful starting point for your risk assessment.

The seminar will include practical advice on avoiding hazards and participants will be given handouts to use in their own halls.

The cost is £10 per hall and lunch will be provided at a cost of £4 per person for those who would like to stay for this. Please contact Nancy Slaney if you wish to book.

## ACRE Village Hall Information Sheets

These have recently been revised:

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| No 20 | Health & Hygiene in Village Halls                           |
| No 22 | Village Halls as Employers                                  |
| No 23 | Village Halls and Community Centres—funding their provision |

This is new and will be very useful to halls with this status:

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| No 36 | Village Halls run by parish councils as sole trustees |
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These will be available shortly:

Fire Regulations and the Village Hall  
Making your Village Hall Secure

Please let Nancy Slaney know if you would like any of these. We can send them of course but if you would prefer to receive them by email this would save on postage.

## National Minimum Wage

New rates will come into effect from October:

16-7 year olds	£3.30 per hour	18-21 year olds	£4.45 per hour
Over 21s	£5.35 per hour		

Where accommodation is included as part of the caretaker's role it is essential to work out the correct pay under the National Minimum Wage. We have a worked example for anyone who needs it.

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## Licensing Act 2003

LACORS (Local Authorities Co-ordinating Office on Regulatory Services) has issued guidance on alcohol in Raffles:

"Raffles

Section 175 of the Act refers, but in summary, it seems that alcohol can be offered as raffle prizes, without a licence being required, if the raffle is:

- \* incidental to another entertainment that is not licensable
- \* the whole event is not for private gain
- \* all the alcohol is in sealed containers
- \* there are no money prizes
- \* all tickets are sold; and the result of the raffle is declared at the premises where the entertainment takes place
- \* the raffle is not the main inducement for people attending the event

If any of these criteria aren't met, then a licence would be required.

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## Big Lottery Fund Community Buildings Programme Workshop

7 November from 10am to 12.30pm  
at a venue to be arranged in the Derbyshire Dales

A workshop is being arranged for halls interested in applying to the new Big Lottery Fund Community Buildings Programme. The Programme is for capital projects and will offer grants between £50,000 and £500,000. It is aimed at large building projects.

There is a 2-stage application process. Stage 1 applications must be submitted by 30 April 2007. This workshop will help you complete the Stage 1 application form.

If you are interested in attending, please inform Nancy Slaney by October 27th

## Leases

The Land Registry now requires 'prescribed clauses' in all leases submitted for registration. ACRE is revising Model B to include these. If you intend registering your lease it is your solicitor's responsibility to ensure the lease is in the correct format.

## Village Hall Database

DRCC holds contact details for village and community halls so we can send you information you may find useful. The database contains the following:

Name of hall  
Name, address, telephone number and email address of contact person

Whenever you notify us of a change we delete details of the former contact.

We are occasionally asked to provide contact details to others. We do not release them to advertisers. We may, however, give them to people looking for a suitable hall to book for an event or to legitimate researchers conducting surveys into village halls. If you do not want us to pass your details on to anyone else, please sign and return the enclosed form to Nancy Slaney.

Email addresses: If you have an email address, it would be appreciated if you could let Nancy Slaney know ([nancys@derbysrcc.org.uk](mailto:nancys@derbysrcc.org.uk)) so that it can be added to your details.

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## Congratulations!

Awards for all Grants:



Stanton in the Peak Village Hall has been awarded £4,929 to help provide exercise for the elderly and disabled residents in the community

Litton Reading Room and Working Men's Club will use a £586 award to buy new kitchen equipment.

Youlgrave Village Hall will use their grant of £4,700 to fund an audio loop for the hard of hearing and improve stage facilities for local performers.

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## Derbyshire Rural Community Council— A Year in the Life of Rural Derbyshire

You are invited to join us on 27 September at Hulland Ward Millennium Hall when staff will be on hand to discuss and explain the work we are undertaking in support of communities across rural Derbyshire. It will be followed by the AGM, beginning at 11.45am. See enclosed leaflet.

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## Derbyshire Community Foundation—Funding Surgeries

Funding surgeries for Chesterfield, Bolsover and North East Derbyshire areas will be held on:

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2006 – Links CVS, Chesterfield, Bolsover

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2006 - Voluntary Action Bolsover

There will also be a surgery at Amber Valley CVS in Ripley on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September if this is more convenient.

These sessions give you the opportunity to discuss your funding requirements with one of the Grants Coordinators, in an informal one to one half hour session that is tailored to meet your needs. These sessions can cover discussion of projects and which of the funds administered by the Foundation is suited to your project, help with developing applications you are currently working on, hints and tips.

There are nine half - hour slots available throughout each day, with four sessions between 10.30am and 12.30pm followed by a further five sessions between 1.30pm and 4.00pm. To book an appointment please contact Misbah Ramzan on 01332 592050 as soon as possible as places are limited.

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