

The hall is used widely throughout the year for weddings, parties, sports clubs, Scouts, Cubs & Beavers, Tai Chi, drama classes, musical events, discos, fundraisers, ceilidhs, public meetings, the community Post Office and the APS After School Club, which is housed in the small hall.

If you have been to an event or class in the hall, you'll know that it is a big, beautiful space, having many of the charms, but also failings, of a late 19thC building.

This year the ACA are planning an ambitious project to improve the hall; to secure the fabric of the building as well as upgrade the facilities inside the hall. We are looking at everything from re-roofing, re-pointing, upgrading the electrical and plumbing systems, renewing the heating and lighting systems, installing blackout blinds, upgrading the kitchen, installing an audio-visual system, new storage solutions and re-decoration.

To help us plan our project we'd really like to hear from you about what you would like to see happen in your village hall.

### **HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

- Give us your feedback on your experience of organising or attending an event in hall.
  - What do we need to do to improve your next event in the hall?
  - What facilities are just not there that we need to consider?
  - Do you have any skills in large scale fund raising? Can you help us with the application process?
  - Business Plan - as part of the fundraising process, we are looking to write a new business plan for the hall. Can you help with this?
  - Are you an architect, designer, structural engineering, surveyor, builder, electrician or plumber, who can advise us how best to approach parts of the project?
  - Do you have any spare time to help the ACA with the running and maintenance of the hall?
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- Look out for and share a short online survey that we will be producing soon

Community engagement is at the heart of a successful project and is fundamental in the fundraising process. We'd love to hear from you and with your help and input hopefully we can make sure that the hall is better equipped for the needs of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Aberlady.

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