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Buildings Grants for Village and Community Halls in Surrey

Nine village and community halls have recently benefited from grants totalling £192,944 under the Surrey Community Buildings Grants Scheme. The scheme is jointly funded by Surrey County Council and the 8 participating District and Borough Councils and is administered by Surrey Community Action.

Under the scheme, grants were awarded to the following halls:

- Worplesdon Memorial Hall - to add loft insulation, upgrade its heating system and install double-glazing
- King George V Hall and Playing Fields Effingham - to have a replacement roof fitted
- St Christopher's Church Hall, Hinchley Wood - to upgrade its existing reception area and add additional storage space
- Abinger Hammer Village Hall - to improve access to its car park and install security equipment
- Oakwood Village Hall - to build an extension and refurbish its main hall
- Westcott Reading Room, near Dorking - to resurface its car park, refurbish its kitchen and install a new sound system
- Merstham Village Hall - for re-roofing and loft insulation
- Felbridge Village Hall - to refurbish its hall entrance and club room floor
- Woldingham Village Hall - to refurbish its car park and reception areas and improve disabled access

Surrey County Councillor, Helyn Clack said "In this current economic climate, the County Council recognises the difficulties local organisations face in

sustaining their village halls and how important these buildings are in supporting community life. The County Council has therefore prioritised this area and ensured we maintained the same level of funding as previous years for the Surrey Community Building Grants Scheme. We are delighted with the difference it continues to make for the well-being of the people of Surrey,"

Applications for the next round of funding can be made before the deadline of 31st August, 2009. For further details of the Grants Scheme, contact Doug Williams, Village and Community Halls Adviser, Surrey Community Action, on 01483 459292 ext 225 or email dougw@surreyca.org.uk.

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