

Funds of over £4000 raised from the villagers of Dry Drayton have been generously supplemented by a grant of £15000 from WREN. This has enabled Kitchensmiths (Histon) to install a new kitchen to meet the needs of the well-used village hall. The work included new equipment for the preparation of meals and refreshments by the various groups using the hall.

An additional grant of £900 provided by South Cambs. District Council has allowed a high efficiency gas boiler to be installed by Nutcombe Cambridge. A grant of £1000 from the School & Village Association has also permitted the general upgrade of the toilets, a meeting room and the storage area, all of which have all been undertaken in parallel with the kitchen refurbishment work.

Chairman of the Management Committee, Mike Clydesdale, said ‘the tremendous support from the villagers and the various grants has allowed this major project to be undertaken and I am sure this will provide a much improved experience for all the Hall’s users’.

Dry Drayton is a village of some 600 people about 7 miles north west of Cambridge. The village hall, built in 1965, is located on the High Street. It is used, for example, by the local WI, the youth club, a mothers and toddlers group, for bowls, Bridge, art, keep fit, coffee mornings, pantomimes and concerts as well as for private parties by people from Dry Drayton and villages nearby.

WREN, which provided the majority of the funding, is a not for profit business that awards grants to community projects from funds donated by FCC Environment to the Landfill Communities Fund.

The new kitchen was opened at a reception on 28th November attended by those who had contributed to the work and representatives of the funding organisations.



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