



ROTHERFIELD VILLAGE HALL,

North Street, Rotherfield, East Sussex TN6 3LX

A well built and very well maintained Hall opened in 1980 which has been modernised over the past ten years to bring it up to its current high standard.

The hall is located in North Street, just off from the High Street and is delightfully situated alongside the picturesque recreation ground which has far reaching views over the surrounding area.

The hall has a selection of rooms available to hire including main hall with stage, 'Green' committee room and 'Parish council Room'. These are complemented with the large kitchen, a bar/servery, full central heating, a loop system and a public address system.

The hall is the well used with a variety of clubs and societies regularly using the hall including the afternoon and weekly evening Women's Institutes, The Horticultural and Allotment Association, a Luncheon Club, two Art Groups, a flourishing Theatrical Group, the Twinning Association, The Rotherfield Community Tourism Initiative, the Parish Council, and Tumble Tots. In addition there are a number of sports activities which take place in the main hall including badminton, ju-jitsu, short mat bowls and short tennis. There are also regular hires for private parties and events.

Our visit which took place on a Wednesday morning was approached with enthusiasm and warmth by members of the committee (and booking clerk) and we were shown eagerly around the venue and to all the accompanying information that was required.

It was clear from the outset that this was a well run and managed hall however, what was most impressive was the pro-active approach by the committee to conduct a weekly check on not only various housekeeping items but also to record gas and electricity readings to inform and monitor their use. The meticulous attention to detail was also evident in other records presented including minutes, accounts, booking diary and hire arrangements.

There are very few recommendations that we would make for a hall of this standard however we would suggest that :-

- Consideration be given to creating a policy for under 18s wishing to hire the hall
- When minutes are kept in a loose leaf file that the pages are number consecutively and each paged initialled by the Chair

Overall, we found everything in very good order and in our opinion all the necessary Hallmark guidelines were met.

We are therefore very happy to award Hallmark Level 1 to Rotherfield Village Hall. Congratulations!

Helen Atkin and Richard Spencer
Visitors --- 21st May 2008