Fivehead
VILLAGE HALL & PARK



Christmas 2026

New name. New trustees. Plenty to get on with.

Introducing Fivehead Village Hall & Park

On 2 November, our charity was renamed **Fivehead Village Hall & Park.** The change has been lodged with the Charity Commission.

The reason is simple: we look after much more than a village hall. Our new name is the starting point for bringing the Village Hall and Fivehead Park together.



Ed Jenkins
Secretary and Safeguarding Lead



Laura Bardell
Village Liaison Lead



Stuart Wild
Chair



Peter Headington
Treasurer



Sharon Edwards
Events Lead

We're your five new trustees. We're all volunteers, appointed on 7 October, and we've been busy getting started. There's a lot to get to grips with, and we won't always get it right, so please bear with us. What we will do is listen.

Laura Bardell is our first ever Village Liaison Lead, so you have someone to go to with ideas, questions or concerns. You can also email us at hello@fiveheadhall.org.

Join the 100 Club for 2027
Details on the back page

Christmas Prize Bingo

Saturday 5 December
Doors open 7pm · Eyes down 7.30pm
Details on the back page

Our first four weeks

Since taking over, we have:

- Launched two new websites: fiveheadhall.org for the village hall and charity, and fiveheadpark.co.uk for Fivehead Park and Play On.
- Gathered village records and photographs dating back to 1961 to help tell the story of the hall and Fivehead Park.
- Made 100 Club memberships available online for the first time.
- Dealt with concrete remains from old goalposts protruding into the football ground.
- Welcomed our first volunteers, with offers of help already coming in.

Clubs and groups: the heart of the hall



Evening players from Fivehead Short Mat Bowls Club with Kate Beacham, Chair of Fivehead Parish Council.

Congratulations to the Fivehead Short Mat Bowls Club on a second grant from the National Lottery Awards for All. It has paid for two new mats that fit the storage unit bought with its first grant in 2024. The club plays at the Village Hall on Mondays, and the evening session, 7.30pm to 9.30pm, has spaces.

Regular clubs and groups keep the hall busy, week in, week out. Short mat bowls, bridge, Pilates and Fit and Fabulous are just some of the activities that meet here, with room for more.

We've started meeting groups to hear what works well and what needs attention. Our new website gives local groups more prominence, with a What's on section and frequent updates.

We're also trialling a replacement booking system to make hiring easier, and reviewing hire charges with the needs of people in Fivehead and Swell in mind.

Getting the hall warm again

Just as the evenings turned cold, the heating started cutting out. We've had to call the engineers out three times. They've cleared a blockage and got the heating running again. We're now having the system cleaned to help the hall get back up to temperature.

The boiler is over 20 years old, and we'll be starting to raise funds shortly to replace it with a more energy-efficient one.

Saturday parking

Saturday mornings are busy at the Village Hall and Fivehead Park. Please help us keep the car park free for people using the Hall and Park. The football club has a volunteer on hand.

If you see a vehicle blocking access or making it difficult for neighbours to get in or out on a nearby street, please email a photo and the registration to hello@fiveheadhall.org.

We've asked Somerset Council to remove the abandoned car and are looking at options for the clothes bank and longer-term parking.

Caring for Fivehead Park

Just cutting the grass costs thousands of pounds a year. Youth football pitch hire helps pay for Fivehead Park's upkeep. North Curry Football Club marks the lines and helps keep the pitches tidy. Thank you to everyone involved.

Celebrations and events

First up is Christmas Prize Bingo on Saturday 5 December. All the details are on the back page.

Sharon, our Events Lead, is exploring ideas for next year, including a regular Big Breakfast, a plant and flower show, and possibly a car boot sale. And we'd welcome your ideas too.

Let's get the play area open
#PlayOnFivehead

Fivehead Park: Play On

We know families are missing it. The play area has been closed since August 2025, and getting it open again is our first priority.

Wicksteed, who made the equipment, have visited and given us prices for the repairs. Much of it is more than 20 years old, but children shouldn't have to wait for a complete redesign. We plan to repair and reopen what we safely can first.

Play On starts there, but it's about the wider Fivehead Park and the hall too. We want to improve opportunities for sport and being active, from the multi-use games area to the village hall, where people play racket sports.

Our initial fundraising target is £60,000. We're still working through the wider plans.

Scan to support Play On
fiveheadpark.co.uk/playon

Could your business help?

URGENT APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who has already donated or offered help.

The Stable @ COMMUNITY CAFÉ

A special thank you to **The Stable Community Café** for its **£2,500** donation towards reopening the play area.

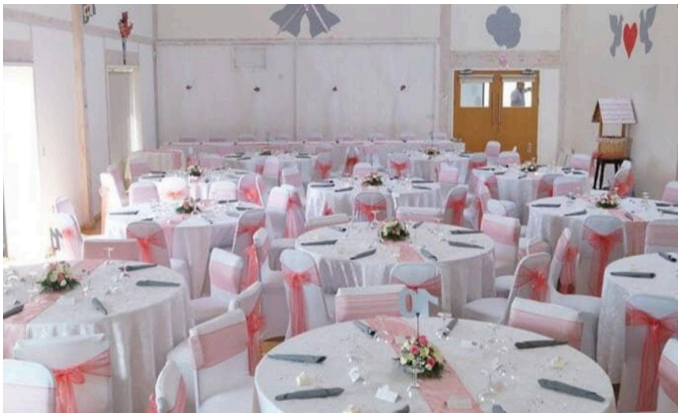
CROWN INN FIVEHEAD

Thank you also to **The Crown Inn** for its support. It's good to have local businesses involved as we get the campaign underway.

You could contribute towards a piece of play equipment, offer practical help or help spread the word. We'd be pleased to talk. Visit fiveheadpark.co.uk/partners or email hello@fiveheadhall.org.

Our first wedding booking

Our first wedding booking is from local people in Fivehead, celebrating in their own village hall. That's lovely to see, and we've already shown three couples around. We're considering our pricing carefully, with local people in mind.



Protecting Fivehead Park

Thank you to Fivehead Parish Council, who are working with us and our professional advisers on Fivehead Park's land and the historic village charities.

This is land set aside for the community's recreation, with special legal protection and a complicated charity structure behind it. We're working through that carefully, including registering the land for the first time and bringing the old charities together where the law allows.

Getting those arrangements sorted will help put us in a stronger position to seek the larger grants needed to improve Fivehead Park and the hall.

Stuart, Peter, Laura, Sharon and Ed
Your trustees, Fivehead Village Hall & Park

100 Club — Join or renew

£35 an entry for 2027. Every entry helps look after Fivehead Village Hall.

Four prizes every month

£60	£30	£20	£10
first prize	second prize	third prize	fourth prize

At Christmas, the first prize rises to £100.

1. Visit fiveheadhall.org/100club or scan the QR code with your phone
2. Choose 1 to 4 entries, up to four per household
3. Choose automatic annual renewal, or join for 2027 only

Already a member? Renew online now to keep your numbers. To pay nothing extra, choose **Other** and type **0**.

Scan to join or renew

fiveheadhall.org/100club

Open to anyone aged 16 or over. After the prizes, the money goes to looking after the Village Hall & Park.

Christmas at Fivehead Village Hall

Prize Bingo

Prizes include Christmas hampers, wine and chocolates, and there's a Christmas raffle too. Some of the new trustees will be there, so do come and say hello.



Bring lots of cash

The bar, raffle and Bingo are cash only on the night

Buy your tickets online in advance, or pay cash on the door.

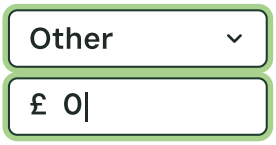
Full book £10
Half book £5

Scan with your phone to buy tickets

fiveheadhall.org/whatson

How to pay online without paying extra

1. **Choose Other** in the drop-down
2. **Type 0** in the Contribution box



More information at fiveheadhall.org/payingonline

Get involved

Could you help at an event or lend a hand?
fiveheadhall.org/volunteer

Please pass this on

We've only done a short print run. When you've finished, please pass this to a neighbour, particularly if they don't use the internet much.

Read it online

Scan the code to read this update online and sign up for occasional email updates about the hall and Fivehead Park.

fiveheadhall.org/news