

Community Centre Week 2017
Success Story
Hurley Community Association (Hurley Village Hall)
North Warwickshire

A Community Association in one North Warwickshire village had been struggling to recruit new people to join the committee for many years. Many of the Trustees had been serving on the committee for over 20 years and had decided the time had come for them to retire.

Three of the individuals retiring included the three officer roles of Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. None of the remaining trustees wanted to take on these responsibilities and their Constitution did not allow the Association to continue without them. Without new Trustees the Community Association would have no choice but to fold and this would in turn mean that the village hall would close.

After discussing their concerns with WCAVA it was decided to use the village newsletter to let residents know the position the Association was in. If no one came forward the Association would close. A date was arranged to hold a meeting for any community members interested in joining the Association to come forward. The Association asked WCAVA to facilitate the meeting. On the night over 80 people attended including local residents, officers from the Borough, the MP and local councillors. WCAVA facilitated the meeting and presented information regarding the Association including its history and the responsibilities of the Trustees. WCAVA were also available at the end of the meeting to answer questions with interested individuals.

From this over 13 new volunteers came forward. WCAVA facilitated two follow up meeting for these individuals. WCAVA also supported their AGM which saw 10 new committee members joining and has meant a whole new chapter has begun for the Community Association and therefore the village hall.

