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## Regular Hirer Notes

### Recycling

I thought you would like to know that we are introducing new recycling facilities in the Hall. The Committee have decided that we would like our village hall to become more environmentally friendly and help reduce what goes to our landfill in Somerset.

So we will be putting in 3 new bins in the kitchen this weekend - for glass, plastic bottles and tins/cans. The bin for food and kitchen waste will remain in the kitchen, and the big black dustbin in the Foyer should now only be used for non-recycled waste and will be marked accordingly. The recycled bins will be emptied once a week at the weekend.

We ask everyone (whether a regular hirer or a single use hirer) who has has a session where the recycling bins are filled up a lot - kids parties, community events, workshops, social events like annual Xmas parties for your groups etc to take your recycling away with you after that event in the bins liners provided together with the usual black bag waste you already take. Spare bin liners for the recycling bins can be found in the cupboard under the sink.

### Washing up facilities

Some of you will already have noticed that we have improved the facilities in the kitchen for washing up. We now provide clean tea towels and anti-bacterial spray for worktops, as well as Flash for the sinks, scourers, and washing up liquid. Used tea towels should be placed next to the basket of clean ones, and they will be taken away at the weekend and washed (and even ironed, if I am feeling motivated and there is something good on my kitchen television!!). We hope these new facilities will help you to keep our kitchen as clean as you would like to find it. With all these awful flu and tummy bugs that seem to go around, it makes sense if we all try to keep our kitchen as hygienic as we can.

### Nappies

You may also have noticed that we have put signs up in the ladies and mens toilets asking that all soiled nappies are taken away and not disposed of in our bins, even in the 'non-recycled items' dustbin. As the Hall is run by volunteers, we are not allowed under Health and Safety regulations to dispose of human waste. We would be grateful for your co-operation in this.

### Fundraising

The Committee is in the process of developing a fundraising strategy for the Hall. This will take the form of applications to grant making foundations for major improvement projects, and community based fundraising events for smaller ones. If any of you have ideas of fundraising events (of whatever sort, not necessarily Hall based) then we'd love to hear from you! We are keen to improve the facilities in our village hall further and if any groups would like to join with us in helping run such an event - or even do a joint fundraiser with us - please talk to me. Our village hall is what we all make it to be, and we really value your contributions. We welcome your ideas with open arms

**Barbara Brooks**