

BDF Village Hall Solar Panel & Battery Storage Project

Community Consultation Questionnaire

The Village Hall Committee is considering installing solar panels on the roof of the Village Hall, together with battery storage. Before applying for grant funding, we would like to understand whether local residents and hall users support the proposal. Your feedback will help us demonstrate community support as part of applications to the **Veolia Environmental Trust** and other potential grant providers.

Why is this being considered?

The Village Hall is an important community facility, used throughout the year by local groups, clubs, events and activities.

Installing solar panels and battery storage could help to:

- Reduce the Village Hall's electricity costs.
- Store surplus electricity generated during the day for use in the evenings.
- Protect the Hall from rising energy prices.
- Reduce the Hall's carbon footprint by generating renewable energy.
- Support the long-term financial sustainability of the Hall, allowing more funds to be spent on maintaining and improving facilities for the community.

The proposal

The project would include:

- Installation of solar photovoltaic panels on the Hall roof.
- Installation of battery storage to store excess electricity generated by the solar panels.
- Connection of the system to the Hall's existing electrical supply.

The estimated total cost of the project is **approximately £23,000**. The Committee intends to seek grant and charitable trust funding, with the aim of securing as much external funding as possible so there is little or no financial impact on the local community.

The project would only proceed if sufficient funding is secured and any necessary permissions are granted.

Potential benefits for the community

- Reduce running costs for the Hall.
- Help keep hall hire charges affordable.
- Support the Hall's long-term future.
- Demonstrate the village's commitment to environmental sustainability.
- Provide a visible example of renewable energy within the local community.

Your views

Please complete the short questionnaire below.

1. Do you support the Village Hall Committee applying for grant funding for this project?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure

2. If funding is secured, do you support the installation of solar panels and battery storage at the Village Hall?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure

3. What do you think would be the main benefits of the project?

Please tick any that apply.

- ☐ Reducing electricity costs for the Hall
- ☐ Helping to keep hall hire charges affordable
- ☐ Environmental and sustainability benefits
- ☐ Supporting the long-term future of the Hall
- ☐ Other, please specify:

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4. Do you have any concerns about the proposal?

- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes, please provide details below:

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5. Do you have any other comments or suggestions?

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Please return your response

Please return your completed questionnaire by: Sunday 9 August 2026

You can return it by:

- Completing the questionnaire electronically and emailing it to: info@bdfvillagehall.co.uk
- Returning a paper copy to: Sanna House, Bourton; Sultan's Turret, Draycote; or The Old Post Office, Frankton.

Thank you

Thank you for taking the time to share your views. Your feedback will help the Village Hall Committee decide whether to proceed with grant applications and will form part of our evidence of community consultation.

Together, we can help ensure the Village Hall remains a sustainable and valuable community facility for many years to come.