

Appendix 1

Exterior works.

During the autumn of 2024, diggers and excavators rolled into Talbots End to dig up Cromhall Village Hall's car park. This was in order to improve the exterior of the Hall by making it more accessible, improving the surfacing and encouraging more wildlife and biodiversity into the area.

This project was awarded a £37,400 Rural Community Grant from the West of England Mayoral Combined Authority, funded by the UK government through the Rural England Prosperity Fund. Additional funds were generously donated by Cromhall Parish Council, Renishaw, Tortworth Estate, 1st Woodend Scout Group and De Smit Medical. A proportion of the work was paid for by fundraising. So, if you've attended one of the popular Quiz Nights or came to our beer festival last summer - thank you for supporting your local Village Hall! The existing surface was ripped up and resurfaced with a porous tarmac. The entrance ramp was widened to allow easier access for visitors and the back of the car park was dressed with stone to make maintenance easier.

Since the construction works have been completed, committee members have installed a bug hotel, bat boxes and bird boxes to encourage more wildlife to use the area. The existing planters have also been planted with bulbs and plants to give colour and texture to the area to make it more welcoming. Additional planters are due to be donated from local companies. The Scouts will be tasked with helping to prep and maintain the planters.



Interior work.

We also have plans to improve the acoustics in the Hall in 2025 and are currently in the process of investigating and applying for grants to fund this, and having suppliers visit the hall to quote for the works.

We are looking for more volunteers to join the Village Hall Committee or to support the Committee members during events such as Quiz Night. Anyone interested should email hall.bookings@cromhall.com for more information.