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£1 million granted to village halls in Wiltshire

Funding from The Hills Group for village and community halls reached the significant £1 million mark this month with the latest grant made to the Stanton St Quintin Parish Hall project.

The Hills Group has worked with Community First over the past 14 years distributing grants via the Landfill Communities Fund and has so far seen 96 village and community halls being transformed across Wiltshire.

The Hills Group chief executive Mike Hill said: “Village and community halls are a valuable asset to any community as they provide facilities for social, educational and recreational activities for all ages. It has been wonderful to see how many communities have benefitted from this funding over the years.”

Mary Hardwidge, grants officer for

Community First, said: “We work closely with communities to maximise the benefits from the Landfill Communities Fund grants given by Hills. The grants are used to update community spaces, making them accessible to all, and it certainly creates a great community spirit when there is a local venue that everyone can use and feel proud of.”



From left to right: Peter Boggis, project manager, Alan Pardoe and Mike Hill of The Hills Group, (seated) Cara Voelcker, project lead, Mary Hardwidge of Community First, Nick Greene, chair of the Parish Council and David Boydell, treasurer.



Before (left) and after (right) the renovation.



Whilst the refurbishment of the Stanton St Quintin Parish Hall is not yet complete following the grant from Hills, Cara Voelcker, project leader, was very excited to learn that their project had triggered the significant milestone.

Cara said: "The new windows, which Hills kindly paid for, are now installed and the rest of the work is almost complete, having been funded by our community fundraising and another organisations. We are delighted and had it not been for Hills and Community First's support, the project would never have got off the ground!"

To find out about more projects which have been supported by Hills through the Landfill Communities Fund, [click here](#).

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