



Cash For Disabled Access to Swimming Pool

Villagers in Bremhill had reason to celebrate after the village hall committee was given £9,000 to update and repair the hall.

And there was jubilation too at the Leisure Centre in Calne after the centre was given £9,000 to make the swimming pool accessible to the disabled and provide poolside baby facilities.

North Wiltshire District Council gave more than £40,000 towards projects in the Calne area.

Jennifer Lamacraft, chairman of Bremhill village hall management committee said: "Everybody is absolutely thrilled. It is brilliant to have some money to renovate the hall.

"At the moment the toilet block is a nightmare with an uneven floor and a leaky roof. There isn't even anywhere mothers can change their babies' nappies."

"The toddler group moved to Derry Hill because of the lack of facilities we could offer, but now we hope it will come back."

"The village hall is the heart of the community now we don't have a post office, and it would have been a great shame to have not got the money."

"It took years for us to get planning permission for the work that is needed as it is a listed building, but once we got that a couple of months ago it was full steam ahead. We have been hosting fundraisers to try and raise the money so this grant has helped us out a lot."

North Wiltshire District Council also gave £19,000 to Heddington Parish Council towards a cycle path and play area.

A spokesman for the parish council said: "This money will create a centre for leisure and sport for the village, and facilities that will greatly benefit the youth of the village.

"The perimeter cycle path is intended for young children to learn and develop their cycling without the dangers of traffic."

A spokesman at the Leisure Centre in Calne, which reopened earlier this year said the centre at present had no disabled access for the pool.

Staff at the centre said they knew of at least 15 disabled people who are unable to get into the swimming pool or use the sports hall.

Marden House, Calne Cricket Club, Calne Players, and the Drop- In Centre also picked up grants from the district council.

Volunteers at the drop in centre, run by Calne Youth Trust, plan to use the £1,895 grant to refurbish the centre and update the computer system.

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