

North Northumberland Village Halls Consortium

The Consortium was formed 15 years ago and is open to membership from village halls and similar community buildings predominantly in the north of the county. Its purpose is to act in the interests of halls and promote their effectiveness and success. We now have 77 members and usually meet every 4 months in different parts of the county and on different days of the week to make attendance easier. We regularly invite outside speakers.

Briefly, benefits of membership include:

- regular advice updates through email, meetings and our website (www.nnvhc.org.uk)
- a PAT testing service managed by the Consortium and delivered by our trained volunteers providing excellent value for money.
- very competitive insurance offers (over the years members have saved £1000s). Some insurers even offer special discounts for Consortium membership.
- heavily subsidised training courses on everything from First Aid to introductions to Social Media
- reliable advice on issues like Surface Water Drainage charges and how halls can obtain a concession.
- Consortium membership gives extra points to obtain full relief from commercial rates
- a collective voice for influence and campaigning
- support to achieve a nationally recognised quality standard through the Village Hall Hallmark scheme – something likely to impress potential funders.
- substantial discounts on annual fire extinguisher servicing and replacement extinguishers.

All this for an annual subscription of only £10/year!

Apart from the practical benefits listed above, we know many of our members appreciate the opportunity to share common concerns, learn from each other and work out, together, better ways of operating.