

VILLAGE HALL

The building of Southwater Village Hall on land given by the Fletcher Trust began in 1924.

(1924) *"A Rummage Sale was held in the Old School and the Women's Institute raised £ 5 for a piano for the new hall".*

The Parish Magazine for the Rural Deanery of Storrington.
Southwater Section November 1924

(1925) *" Great progress has been made with the building. The roof is now finished, and the inside work will now be taken in hand. As we said before the total estimate is £ 800 and we have in hand £ 774. The first Trustees were The Vicar, Rev Cecil Hughes, Mr Chantler and Mr Booker. The committee appointed were: Mr Grinsted, Mr S Gardener, Mr Rhoades, Mr Capsey, Lady*

King, Mrs Hughes, Mrs Winthrop, Miss Golds and Miss Tyndall"

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(1927) The committee decided to add another cloakroom to the Hall

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During World War II the Village Hall was used as extra classrooms for evacuated children. Some of the older boys made the desks they used. The schools ceased to use the Village Hall for classes in 1950.

(1954) Water was laid on to the Hall

The Hall has undergone major improvements since the 1980s and still plays a vital role in the community as a venue for many local organisations and events.