

**DCA Support Webinar Edited Chat:
Supporting You to Fundraise and Re-open Safely - August 12th 2020.**

Answers to questions in bold below.

11:38:41 AshaWard : what does mothballed mean

Mothballed - means closed, but not permanently, Sorry, I should have made this clearer.

11:44:23 Steve Chubb : Drimpton Hall looking to run a film night possibly in October as feel some in community will need to get out more.

11:45:58 Helen Da Silva Wood : Depends on the different areas of service. Trying to see if we can wrangle exemptions for 1:1 mental health and possibly our tutors

11:46:37 Helen Da Silva Wood : Sorry, who are ACRE?

ACRE | Action with Communities in Rural England - They are funded by the Government to protect rural activities. We are a member of ACRE, so are able to pass on all their advice and support to OUR members.

11:47:04 Paula Bennetts : **The Poll is a snapshot of how groups are feeling - please don't worry if you have clicked the wrong box - we are not using it for scientific research!! Thank you for taking part, it helps inform future work that DCA do on your behalf.**

11:48:47 Jennie Fellowes : Would our charity (runs from premises in high street) count as it is a leisure activity that is to support mental health? –

Difficult to know without more detail - but if people are gathering for "social purposes" then it could be seen as leisure.

No, the leisure activity mentioned meant physical exercise. I'm sorry if this wasn't clear. If however you are supporting people in the shop with mental health issues then you would have to apply the 2m rule and sit down in order to remove the masks safely.

11:49:08 Marian Eldrett : How about coffee mornings in village hall ?

Coffee Mornings would have to be run as table service so the customers could take their masks off when sat down.

Coffee Mornings - would have to follow Government Guidance for Café provision.

11:49:33 Peter Atkins : how is Dorset doing in regards to Lottery Co-vid 19 funding bids

In our Survey over 40% of groups are accessing Funding. DCF have been incredibly responsive in their allocation of Funds.

11:49:34 Helen Da Silva Wood : Same q as Jennie, hoping to get out of masks for 1:1 mental health although clearly not an official NHS medical type setting.

As long as you can keep socially distanced, the masks for mental health 1:1 could be removed during the session as you would be sat down as well.

11:49:59 Janet Miller : Can I check please. Making up our cookboxes in a hall = mask, holding a cooking session in a hall = no masks?

Masks will be needed for both situations

11:50:51 Richard Toft : What constitutes 'outside'? What about under a canopy without sides? One with two walls and two open sides?

Providing the canopy is placed outside, that would be outside but you would have to follow the 2m distancing rules. If that isn't possible, then face masks will have to be used.

11:51:37 Rae - DCA : Question received - I would like to know if the wearing of masks will mean we can increase the numbers allowed in our village halls?

Again hard to give specific advice without more information, I would advice that if people are potentially moving about indoors, a face covering would be advisable. The 2m rule is the most important mitigation you can do. Face Coverings are a "further mitigation factor" they should not result in the relaxing of other mitigating factors. So I would not see numbers of attendees going up as a result of wearing face coverings.

11:53:15 nichollsa : I take it that when people arrive in a community centre people need to wear face coverings, but then when they get into their room to do their activity it can be removed? Would say a craft group be seen as leisure and can remove coverings?

They would need to wear their mask and be socially distanced. Leisure activity is meant as physical exercise.

11:53:16 Jennie Fellowes : We have found the Lottery to be really understanding and helpful with encouraging bids

11:55:17 Rae - DCA : Question Received - What is the training take up for Zoom and Microsoft Teams and who is providing it in Dorset ?

I am not sure of specific training for Zoom being offered - but many Charity & Voluntary groups are offering Online Training Support (including ourselves) - Digital Champions & Dorset Council are also offering Support - please check out our Webinar on Digital Inclusion.

11:56:31 Sara Loch : Fundraising for what? Opening community centre or we are looking to raise money to fix the roof!

Either if it means your centre can reopen safely for your community

11:57:11 From Peter Atkins : how is Dorset doing in comparison with other areas in the SW with Lottery Covid 19 funding bids ?

Many funders are not releasing this kind of data at the moment. Our feedback from the Lottery has been positive. Generally Purbeck remains under represented in Funding Applications.

11:57:30 Richard Toft : We have received some funding and will apply for some more, hence two ticks.

Glad to hear you have successfully applied for funding. Good luck with further applications

11:57:47 Jennie Fellowes : We intend applying for funding.

DCA can support you to do this if you need it

11:59:15 Jennie Fellowes : We are thinking of reducing numbers to help with social distancing but still insist on face masks. **Good idea**

12:00:53 keithbrignell : Surely you need to invite people in for fund raising inside - we have a large hall but can only accommodate 37 bodies –

It depends on the type of event you run. A farmer's market or plant sale could be arranged so that you have a one way system, arrive through one door, exit through another for example.

12:01:01 Steve Chubb : if we put on a film night in our hall and have social distancing do they have to wear masks all the time the film is on

In a cinema you now have to wear a face mask. If people are able to be 2m apart and you have good ventilation, they can take them off.

12:03:43 Alison : Big thank you to DCA for all this useful info greatly appreciated by all at Bere Regis Village Hall Team. Good Luck to everyone as we develop the courage to begin again

12:05:41 Debbie Weller : We do not arrange events in the hall but ensure the hall is completely cleaned after each event. We want to leave the onus on masks and distancing to the hall hirers, they have to give me a copy of their risk assessment. Is this sufficient?

Hi Debbie, Yes this is as long as the hirer can see your risk assessment too.

12:06:37 Peter Atkins : have you picked up on any issues with the visually impaired in Dorset with regards to accessibility

I spoke to someone yesterday in North Dorset, they aren't confident about opening yet because of the accessibility. Any advice would be gratefully received

12:07:37 Steve Chubb : Has anyone any views on fogging the hall before and after use, I feel this is not required if the hall is cleaned using sanitiser and leaving 72 hours between use

Fogging isn't essential as long as all surfaces have been cleaned thoroughly.

12:08:47 Debbie Weller : What is fogging a hall?

It is a machine that blows out a fine spray of anti viral matter.

12:10:11 Steve Chubb : fogging is what people are using in holiday homes, it sprays a mist in the air to clean the hall

12:10:32 Helen Da Silva Wood : For 1:1 mental health appts in a youth setting with 2m social distancing can the worker wear a visor to aid the delivery of the work? Presumably the YP should wear a mask if at all possible?

We aren't sure about visors yet, although hairdressers are using them so why not?

<https://www.bacp.co.uk/news/news-from-bacp/coronavirus/faqs-about-coronavirus/> may help

12:11:50 Peter Atkins : would be good to get clarity from Dorset CCG with regards to Shielding and vulnerable groups and have that promoted to members of the public.

We will see what we can find out and get back to you

12:12:29 Steve Chubb : we held a open garden visit last weekend, went really well with over 10 gardens open to locals, all social distancing went well and charged each adult £5.00, raised money for the hall, it was a good start for the community to get out and around the village

What a lovely idea Steve!

12:13:43 From Nicky Ryall : The groups that use our hall are keen to come back, we have our RAs and signage in place as well as sanitizers. What we don't have is a caretaker so cannot open at moment. I am assuming the W.I and bowls club have their own RAs.

W I have their own risk assessments, bowls clubs should have too, the national associations of both bodies will give them guidance about applicable risk assessments

12:14:29 Alison : Is the use of fans on the ceiling a good or bad practice ?

Fans move air around which is good, windows would need to be open too though.

12:18:59 Debbie Weller : Do you have a template for a hall opening risk assessment? Stating what can be used, how much and what needs to be done to have it ready?

Hi Debbie, Yes, we do have a word doc so you can edit it. Here is the link for more information.

<https://www.dorsetcommunityaction.org.uk/webinar-reopening-village-halls-and-community-spaces-safely/>

12:19:38 Patricia Freemantle : We are starting an overdue internal refurbishment of our hall and I am presuming that some of the funding on offer will not apply to this sort of work.

Hi Patricia, if your refurbishment helps you reopen safely then it could be possible

12:23:47 Rae - DCA Helpline 01202 847609

12:24:00 Paula Bennetts : <https://www.dorsetcommunityaction.org.uk/support-webinars-during-covid-19/>

12:24:20 Rae - DCA : Enquiry form Paula just mentioned - <https://www.dorsetcommunityaction.org.uk/request-an-advisor/>