

<Hall name and address>

Dear <name of MP>

We are writing to you as our local MP to raise our concerns about the dire access to banking for village halls. This manifests itself in several ways

- Difficulty of opening Treasurers Accounts for a Charity
- Unreasonable charges for Treasurers Accounts - especially those with low numbers of transactions
- Closure of branches so that many small towns have no banking facilities and Treasurers have to travel long distances to pay in cash
- The Post Office is in theory able to accept cash deposits but many small branches are unwilling to do so.

This was discussed at a recent meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Charities and Volunteering where many difficulties were identified. Please see <https://www.civilsociety.co.uk/news/charities-have-growing-sense-of-worry-about-banking-services-warns-regulator.html> .

Our own village hall has experienced <detail your own experience if you have an example>

We urge you to support the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Charities and Volunteering to put pressure on the banking sector to offer safe, affordable and accessible bank accounts for all charities especially volunteer-run village halls.

Yours sincerely etc.

CC <name> Parish Council
<name of councillor>, Dorset Council