

Background

The Scarth Hall is a registered charity ran primarily through volunteers. The hall underwent extensive improvements during 2016 following successful bids to the Big Lottery Reaching Communities programme and other funders. There is now a wide range of events and activities taking place in the hall.



Support from DCA - Organisational Strength Review

As part of the Reaching Communities application, the organisation also received Building Capacities funding which required an organisational strength review to be carried out. This needed to be carried out by an external organisation and as the committee had previously worked with DCA, we were asked to carry this out over several months. This included interviews with trustees, a trustees skills audit, a financial review, policies and procedures review, a review of volunteer roles and SWOT and PEST analyses. The committee found this a useful process as they could appraise the review as it was developed and an action plan was created. The committee are also linked with DCA's volunteering team and are working towards the County Durham Kite Mark quality standard. DCA are also supporting the committee to review their governance and look at becoming a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

" We have found the support and advice offered by DCA to be invaluable, particularly in respect to the overarching review carried out on our systems, structure and future administration of the hall."

Scarth Hall management committee

