

A History of Compton Village Hall

In 1929 there was a proposal to build a British Legion Club and a Village Hall in Compton. Mary Watts, George Watts's wife, donated £50 (worth over £2,200 today), in the hope that some day a Village Hall would be built.

In 1931 a committee was formed in a further attempt to raise enough money to proceed with the building of a Village Hall. A board of trustees was established to look after Mary Watts's £50 and to oversee a fund raising programme. A fete at Eastbury Manor raised £463, Mr Prinsep (a friend of Mary Watts) whose sister lived in Compton and his two nieces, donated £400 and with the help of other donations the fund reached £1,432 0s 11d.

The foundation stone was laid by Mary Watts and the Hall was completed in 1934. It was declared open by Cecilia Lady Boston of Monkshatch on 25th October.

Records from 1963, show the Village Hall was being used by 13 different organisations that existed in the village namely:

The Scouts, the Women's Institute, the Sports Club, the Mother's Union, Almsgate Tenants Association, the British Legion, the Women's British Legion, the Parochial Church Council, the (newly built) Congregational Church, the Parish Council, the School Representative, the Horticultural Society and the Youth Club. It clearly was a vibrant village hall proud of its activities and full of spirit.