

ELKCAL

Elphin Community Hall

Elphin

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26th November 2023

Dear ELKCAL

On behalf of the Elphin Wednesday Food and Craft Markets, I would like to thank you for the use of Elphin Community Hall throughout 2023 for our weekly craft markets, from April through to October, plus the recent two day Festive Fayre event.

I know that the many local artists and crafters that have had stalls at these weekly events are extremely grateful for the use of the hall, without which, these craft markets could not take place.

We understand that at the moment, the current capacity of the hall is a maximum of seven stall holders but if in the future you are able to purchase the hall, some internal structural work would increase these numbers, thereby enabling more local crafters to benefit from these weekly markets.

Not only do these markets benefit the stall holders financially, it provides a central area where likeminded individuals can come together regularly and enjoy the social, community aspects of spending one day each week together, where otherwise many may go for weeks without seeing each other, due to the remote location.

Having these weekly markets also benefits other businesses in Elphin such as the Tearooms, Jan Kilpatrick's Textile Studio, Elphin Larder and the local knife maker, as many visitors (both local and tourists) stop at the markets and then visit the other places of interest.

As I said at the beginning, please pass on our thanks to the ELKCAL directors for allowing us the use of such a wonderful local amenity and we hope that the possible purchase of the hall in the future further benefits the whole community.

Kind regards

Alison Johnson

(on behalf of the Elphin Wednesday Food and Craft Market)