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In the winter of 2005/6 every household in Ellingham and Kirby Cane was surveyed to investigate why the Memorial Hall was not used more frequently by residents of the parishes of Ellingham and Kirby Cane and to identify the requirements of the parishioners. The survey was conducted by representatives from Ellingham Parish Council, Kirby Cane Parish Council, Kirby Cane Village Hall Committee and members of the community.

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The resulting report, published in February, found that the existing hall could be used more frequently, and by more of the population, by:

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- publicising events
- improving décor and facilities (of which work was underway during the survey)
- making events available outside of work hours
- increasing the variety of events, e.g. dance classes, youth club, integrating photography with the Computer Club
- a significant problem was finding volunteers to arrange local events and activities
- lack of car parking does deter some use of the hall, but could be alleviated by moving the bowls green and using this as a car park
- there was insufficient demand from the current population for a new community centre, however, if some major housing developments arise, as suggested by the Local Development Framework, then the developers should make significant efforts to assist with provision of a new community centre.

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