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**CAMBRIDGESHIRE ACRE
PRESS RELEASE**

FIRST IN CAMBRIDGESHIRE: WITCHAM HITS TARGET

The small village of Witcham may be internationally renowned for its annual pea shooting championships but now it has something else to be proud of; its Village Hall has hit all the targets to be the first community building in Cambridgeshire to achieve Level 1 of the HALLMARK* quality standard.

The HALLMARK* scheme, launched in Cambridgeshire in 2007 through Cambridgeshire ACRE, assesses village hall management, looking to reward, establish and share examples of best practice. The assessment is carried out by visitors from other village hall committees in Cambridgeshire. HALLMARK* is recognised by the Charity Commission as a quality achievement for Community Buildings and Village Halls. There are three levels of achievement.

At Level 1 the HALL MARK* standard looks at how well the hall complies with the requirements of its charitable status. As one of the smallest parishes in East Cambridgeshire this achievement represents a true community effort. The support of the village for their hall, and the role it plays in community life contributed to Witcham's success in achieving the first level of this nationally recognised award. Witcham will now work towards Level 2 which focuses on legislative issues before considering Level 3 which examines the role of the building in the community.

If you sit on a village hall management committee and think that your hall has what it takes to achieve this national award, contact Philip Peacock at Cambridgeshire ACRE on 01353 865033 for more information.

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1. Further information is available from: Philip Peacock, Communities Facilities Manager on telephone: 01353 865033 or e-mail: philip.peacock@camsacre.org.uk.
2. Cambridgeshire ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England) is a rural development charity that works throughout the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough area – and occasionally beyond - enabling people to take positive action to enhance their rural communities.
3. For further information on the work of Cambridgeshire ACRE, please contact Alison Brown, Head of Business Services on 01353 865029 or e-mail alison.brown@camsacre.org.uk.

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HALLMARK



a quality standards scheme
for village halls



This is to certify that

Witcham Village Hall

has attained

HALLMARK 1



Charity administration and management

Signed

PHILIP PERROCK COMMUNITY FACILITIES MANAGER.

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