

ROSS-ON-WYE: FACILITIES AUDIT

Ross-on-Wye is well provided with community groups. Not all of these have their own, or even use, community facilities/spaces, and several groups have memberships including people from well beyond Ross.

There are also many places for these groups, either places for them alone to meet in or places used mainly by one organisation but open to hire by others. Some of these are private but offer spaces for hire (eg. the Royal Hotel), some are public (eg. the Larruperz Centre) and some are either leased or owned by community or voluntary organisations (eg. the Scout Hut). Several of these facilities are also used by people from outside Ross (and people in Ross go to facilities outside the town).

In general, the various facilities provide for all sectors of Ross society. Financial circumstances are currently placing some facilities – from all sectors - at risk and a number of the facilities, particularly those owned by community groups, are not in the best condition.

Various databases have been searched in assembling the lists below and members of the community Working Group have checked the list and sought basic information on the nature of any facilities and any specific services they provide. Despite this, the list cannot be said to be fully complete, although this almost certainly means that there are more than those listed.

The chart below lists all known facilities for (mainly) community groups alphabetically, notes who owns/runs each facility and adds brief notes of what facilities are provided (where known).

Name of facility	Who owns/rents	Facilities provided
1. Air Cadet Unit	Voluntary body	Meeting room for own use
2. Army Cadet Unit	Voluntary body	Meeting room for own use
3. Baptist Church	Church	Meeting rooms for own use and hire to others
4. Chase Hotel	Private	Function rooms for hire
5. Christ Church	Church	Meeting rooms for own use and hire to others
6. Conservative Club	Voluntary body	Meeting rooms for own use and hire to others
7. Corn Exchange	Town Council	
8. Enviroability	Voluntary body	Workshops. Meeting room for own use and hire to others
9. Friends Meeting House	Church	
10. Halo Leisure Pool	Public (franchised)	Swimming, fitness room etc., rooms for hire
11. Henry Street Evangelical	Church	
12. John Kyrle School	Public	Rooms, playing fields etc. available for hire
13. Larruperz Centre	Town Council	Variety of meetings rooms, lounge and bar for local group use and hire to others
14. Kingdom Hall	Church	
15. Library	Public	Exhibition space available to others
16. Orles Barn Hotel	Private	Function rooms for hire
17. Primary Schools	Public	Halls available for hire
18. Ross Motor Sports Club	Voluntary body	Meeting room for own use
19. Ross Rowing Club	Voluntary body	Meeting room for own use and hire to others

20. Ross Rugby Club	Voluntary body	Meeting room for hire, more/better planned
21. Royal Hotel	Private	Function rooms for hire
22. St. Francis	Church	
23. St. Mary's Hall	Church	Meeting rooms for own use and hire to others
24. Scouts	Voluntary body	Meeting room for own use
25. Sea Cadet Unit	Voluntary body	Meeting room for own use
26. Sports Centre (Pavilion)	Voluntary body	Meeting room for own use (including youth club) and hire to others
27. The Old Chapel*	Town Council	
28. The Venue	Church (Baptist, see above)	Meeting rooms for own use and hire to others
29. Tudorville Community Centre	Community charity	Meeting rooms for local group use and hire to others
30. Wyefit	Private	Provide fitness training

* Currently unused but likely to become a relocation site for the Ryefield Children's Centre.

In addition to the above, the other main facilities provided for people in the town include:

- Children's Centre (Ryefield)
- Pre-school playgroups (3)
- Community Hospital
- Dental surgeries (4)
- Doctors' surgeries (2)
- Household Recycling Centre
- Library (also see above)
- Market House
- Phoenix Theatre (also showing films)
- Playing fields
- Police Station
- Post Office

There is also (currently) a large Caravan and Camping site near the centre of town, used by visitors.

In addition, there are a number of pubs, cafes and restaurants, mainly in the town centre. The number of cafes and restaurants has increased in recent years, but some pubs have shut. (Some pubs also have rooms to hire, details unknown.)

The maps overleaf show existing community facilities in Ross, referenced in Policies SC1 and SC2 of the Ross NDP.

