

FRECKLETON VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL CHARITY

The land upon which the Village Hall now stands was originally Fold Side Farm, which was a meeting place for Quakers. William Jasper bought the land from Fold Side Farm and built a house. From 1870 to 1905 the house was used by Quakers for worship.

From 1905 to 1910 the house was used by Methodists for morning and evening worship. In 1910 the property was sold to William Sager Hodgson, who bequeathed it to be used as an institute for the village of Freckleton.

Following the disastrous plane crash in 1944, that partly destroyed the Church of England School, killing 35 children & 2 teachers an appeal was made for a new Church of England memorial school, a children's memorial playing field and a Village Memorial hall to be built.

The village hall was not built at the time because a site was not available, nor were funds large enough, however in 1974 a proposal was made to use the site of the old Hodgson Institute and for more funds to be raised.

The Freckleton Village Memorial Hall Charity was created and the deed was signed and sealed on the 1st of April 1974. The old Hodgson Institute was demolished in April 1974.

On the 4th of October 1974 the inaugural meeting of the Freckleton Village Memorial Hall Charity took place.

In March 1975 planning permission was sought - this was refused in August 1975 on the grounds of inadequate parking space. A further application was submitted in February 1976 and was approved on the 6th of October 1976. By the 1st of November 1976 the site had been cleared and by the 7th of December 1976 the structure was taking shape.

On the 1st of October 1977 the hall was opened by Mrs Molly Hart, the wife of the architect. A new storage extension was built in February 1978, and new committing room extension was completed in April 1985.

The hall is extensively used by all sections of the community.