

28. Merton Hall



Whilst Ponteland is fortunate in having a number of rooms and halls which are available for hire, Merton Hall is the one which is used practically every night of the week (and some afternoons) by one or other of the more than 40 local organisations in the Town. Every morning it serves as a meeting-place for elderly people who can come in, read a newspaper or have a tea or coffee. As well as the main hall, there is a small room at the rear suitable for committee meetings, etc., and a conservatory on the south side facing the road where those who wish can talk or simply watch the world go by.

In this way Merton Hall provides a very important service for the community at large. It has fulfilled this role ever since it was built by the former Castle Ward



Rural District Council in the early 1970's following the removal of the old railway bridge over the Main Road and the re-landscaping of the area. The photograph on the left shows a group of ladies from the Ponteland U3A who were about to be given a guided tour of the village and its historical features by the late Leslie Almond in the year 2010.

The Hall is run by a volunteer Committee and is a good example of a very successful local regeneration project carried out at an economical cost and run in a sustainable way.