

# BERDEN FETE

## Berden Fete - Division of takings

We thought that villagers, old and new may benefit from a little clarification on how the money we raise from the Berden Fete is divided. As many readers will know, we often manage to make a tremendous sum on the afternoon of the Fete, and couldn't do it without the wonderful generosity of so many. The Fete is our one big annual fund raiser and helps the village in so many wonderful ways.

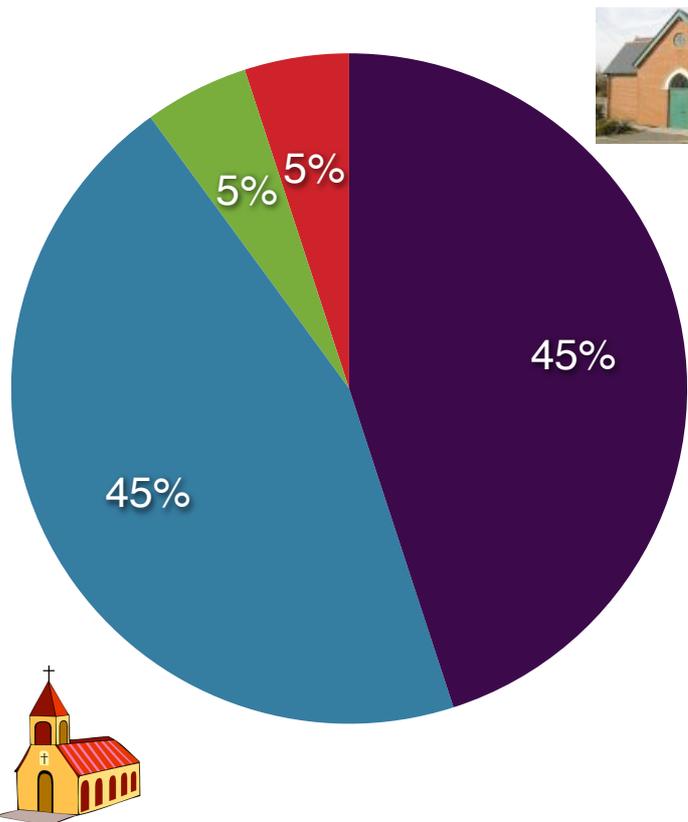
The two main beneficiaries from the Fete are our Church & Village Hall who both receive around 45% of the takings we raise each year. On average, it costs the church £385 per week to run (*this is before renovation works which are all too necessary these days*).

The village hall costs approximately £119 per week to run, and again this is before improvement & repair works are considered.

After the Church and Village Hall, we have around 10% left, of which approximately 5% goes towards Berden Charities (an ancient charity run by village trustees founded many centuries ago to help villagers in need. This charity needs regular input to avoid eroding capital) The remaining 5% goes towards the costs the committee incur as a result of running the Fete (*entertainment, printing and publishing costs*) and a small amount of money is also retained for the committee to use in the next Fete year for things like grand draw ticket printing, repair work, deposits for entertainment and also float money for our stalls on the day.

How we divide our takings:

- Berden Village Hall 45%
- Berden Church 45%
- Berden Charities 5%
- Expenses/Retention Monies 5%



A month or so after the Fete, we publish a full set of accounts in the Parish Magazine. These are very helpful in identifying how many visitors came, how well our stalls did and what things we had to spend money on, so do keep an eye out for those.

As always, a big thank you to past (Bob & Thelma) and present (Paul & Michelle) owners of the Hall for their generosity and kindness in allowing us to hold the Fete in their garden. The Fete would never be such a success without the generosity of so many people, both in their money time and effort, we are greatly appreciative to all who help us.

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