

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT FOR BEALINGS VILLAGE HALL TRUST

Another busy year, welcoming new hirers and new classes to the Hall, and to enhance our facilities, new mat storage racks for Pilates were installed, and the snooker table was re-felted at a cost of over £500.

The Trustees of the Village Hall greatly appreciate the donations given each year by the two Parish Councils towards the upkeep of the hall and playing field. We would also like to thank all those who have either donated directly, or supported the numerous fundraising events over the past year in our efforts to replace the roof and doors. Here is an update of where we stand at the moment:

- We had unsuccessful applications to The Platinum Jubilee Fund £27,000, ASDA Investing in Spaces and Places Fund £21,500, East Suffolk Rural Business and Community Hub Fund £30,000 and the Community Ownership Fund for £55,000
- But we were successful in securing grants from Garfield Weston £10,000 National Lottery Community Fund £9,995, Bernard Sunley Foundation £5,000
- Our District Councillors have also pledged £5,000 along with £5,000 support from Little Bealings Parish Council via their CIL pot
- We also applied to Valencia Communities Fund in April for a £43,500 grant with the result due early July
- As of 12 Apr the total banked/pledged is £54,560 but the total needed is budgeted at £93,250 so we're over half way there.

Two major events were held on the field and in the hall celebrating King Charles' Coronation in May and the Bealings Villages Fete in June, both were tremendously successful and enjoyed by the whole community. Watch out for this year's Fete in June. Pop Up Pubs continued to be popular throughout the year and are now scheduled every other month with food and often live music, other fundraising events such as quiz nights are also popular, with all profits going towards the New Roof & Doors Project

We managed to squeeze in working parties around the Hall and on the Playing Field in June, August, November, January, February and April with numerous volunteers from both Bealings Villages helping to clear drains, footpaths and leaves, replace sleepers on the boules court, repair rabbit holes and spread two tons of topsoil. During the year volunteers repaired "in-house" the children's swings, climber net, tennis net, circular bench and see saw. We again pressure washed the sports court and sprayed with moss killer ready for the new season which started in April, we will also install new football nets ready for the June Fete.

More tree work was accomplished around the car park and hall removing three dead/dangerous trees and overhanging limbs in January / February at a cost of over £1,500