

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT FOR BEALINGS VILLAGE HALL TRUST

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, but like most charities we would always welcome increased support.

We would also like to thank all those who either donated directly, or supported the numerous fundraising events over the past years which enabled us to successfully replace the roof, doors and entrance. Allowing for roofing design changes and poor weather the Hall had to close from 29 July - 5 November, reducing our projected income but we were able to combine a Pop Up Pub with our "Grand opening" on December 13th which was greatly supported.

As the roof and doors project severely reduced our reserves, the Trustees decided to postpone the expensive expansion and resurfacing of the car park to concentrate our fundraising to improve the interior starting with replacing the curtains, the old heaters and repainting.

Lt Bealings Parish Council have kindly provided CIL funding to replace the curtains, and District Councillor grants of £2,000 from Colin Hedgley and £1,000 for Dan Clery have got us well on the way to replacing the heaters.

Two major events were held in the hall and on the field last year: April saw the annual Plant sale and Bealings Villages Fete was held in June, both were tremendously successful and enjoyed by the whole community. This year's Plant Sale on April 26th was also extremely successful and this year's Bealings Fete is scheduled for 31st August.

Pop Up Pubs continued to be popular throughout the year and are now scheduled every other month with snacks/food and sometimes live music, thank you to Chris Mason for his Quiz Night Pop Up Pub which raised over £500 towards new heaters and repainting.

We managed to squeeze in working parties around the Hall and on the Playing Field in April, May, July, October, November and February 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 youth swings, climber net, tennis net, and circular bench. We have again pressure washed the sports court and sprayed with moss killer ready for the new season which started in April. Also in April Andy Mayhew volunteered his time and digger free of charge and was able to resurface the car park with 16 tons of road planings which cost just over £600

More tree work was accomplished around the car park and hall removing dead/dangerous overhanging limbs in December at a cost of over £1,600

I would like to take this moment to give our heartfelt thanks to Margaret Wilson who recently stepped down from her role as Treasurer of Bealings Village Hall Trust after 25 years dedicated service, thankfully Margaret is continuing her role as the booking secretary. We continue to have vacancies for Trustees and urge anyone wishing to give something back to the community and join our friendly team to talk to me or our secretary Sue Prentice