

REPORT FOR THE LITTLE BEALINGS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2025

ANGELA COBBOLD HALL

The trustees of ROPETH, the charitable company that Operates the Angela Cobbold Hall, are pleased to provide the following short update on the past year's activities for the information of the attendees of the annual parish meeting 2025.

This year saw completion of the modernisation program that started in late 2023 with the installation of solar panels and roof insulation and this year was finally completed with the upgrade of the heating system, refurbishment of toilets, connection to the main sewer, installation of emergency lighting, fire alarm system and decoration of the lobby area. The works undertaken have used local firms. We are most grateful to all our local donors and bodies who have provided grants, notably the Lottery Communities Fund and East Suffolk Council Rural community and business hub fund.

In 2024 the regular events at the hall have continued and a number of successful one-off events were held, including the following:

- *Regular events:* Community lunches, Knit and natter group, Gardening club, Friday evening socials, Fish and Chip evenings. The hall is also used for Parish Council meetings, leisure activities such guitar playing, violin practice, a foot care clinic, tap dancing and pre and after school club activities and birthday parties.
- *One-off events:* Various educational talks, Wine tasting, Sunday cream teas, a wreath making workshop a Christmas Eve party.

A notable contribution to the local community was the continued provision of a "warm welcome" facility at the Angela Cobbold Hall on two days each week in winter as well as monthly on Sunday afternoons. This resource has been well used by local residents and visitors to the village. The trustees acknowledge the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and East Suffolk Council for the Grant provided to cover costs of energy for heating and free refreshments provided to visitors for the period of operation of the "warm welcome" facility.

The hall has also been made available for fundraising events that benefitted various charities during the year, including Alzheimer's society and our parish church.

We are very grateful to all members of the community who have volunteered to run events at the hall and helped in other ways to make the operation of the community hall a continued success.