

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 with new blinds.

Two major events were held in the hall and on the field, April saw the annual Plant Sale and Bealings Villages Fete was held in June, both were tremendously successful and enjoyed by the whole community. Watch out for this year's Plant Sale on April 26th and Bealings Fete 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, other fundraising events such as quiz nights are also popular, with all profits going towards the new blinds.

We managed to squeeze in working parties around the Hall and on the Playing Field in April, May, July, October, November and March 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 will again pressure wash the sports court and spray with moss killer ready for the new season starting in April.

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 20 years of 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