

PARISH COUNCIL REPORT FROM 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, and like most charities we would always welcome increased support.

We appreciate the voluntary service of our trustees and helpers who give of their free time to improve and maintain the facilities provided at the Village Hall for our Community.

After the successful completion of the Roof and Doors Project, the Trustees concentrated their efforts on refurbishing the interior of the Hall. We installed new heaters throughout with the help of a £3,000 grant from East Suffolk Council, replaced the curtains with new blinds with CIL funding from Little Bealings Parish Council and redecorated at a cost of £1,600.

Plans to install two EV Charging Points as part of the Plug In Suffolk initiative were delayed as the initial contractor was replaced by Suffolk County Council

We had four working parties throughout the year with volunteers from both villages helping to repair equipment and fences, spread a ton and a half of topsoil, clear paths and brambles and pick up leaves. Thank you to all those who worked so hard to keep the facilities safe and looking good, this was recognised by our annual Play Safety Inspection. I would also like to thank Andy Mayhew from Gt. Bealings for volunteering his digger and time to spread road planings on the car park, we couldn't do it without him.

Two major events were held in the hall and on the field, April saw the annual Plant Sale and Bealings Villages Fete at the end of August, both were tremendously successful and enjoyed by the whole community.

Pop Up Pubs continued to be popular throughout the year and are now scheduled every other month with snacks/food and sometimes live music, this year even Elvis showed up to give us an entertaining evening. Other fundraising events such as Chris Mason's quiz nights were also popular, with all profits going towards the refurbishment projects.

During the year volunteers repaired "in-house" the twin tower climbing board, adult swings, climber net, basketball nets and fencing. We will again pressure wash the sports court and spray with moss killer ready for the new season starting in April.

Numerous new classes have started throughout the year with everyone appreciating the new heaters and cosier environment, we look forward to another successful year.

We do 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.