

Brundall Parish Council Land Management reports to be considered

Name of organisation/group Brundall parkrun - Countryside Park

Highlights for sharing



Since our last report we have had a busy time at Brundall parkrun.

We saw Marie Palmer, our oldest parkrunner, complete her 100th parkrun. The EDP came along and we had a very special morning, with lots of surprises for Marie.

<https://www.edp24.co.uk/news/marie-palmer-92-finishes-her-100th-parkrun-8984988>

She even got her own billboard at the Brundall Co-op



After a lot of planning behind the scenes we had the 1st Blofield & Brundall Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers take over our parkrun with 161 people attending (Our largest attendance since Covid Restart). It was lovely to see lots of local youngsters and their grownups taking part, especially as many of them had never considered being able to run or walk 5km. Many of the older scouts and explorers took on the responsibility of volunteering roles. The group was also able to do a bit of fund raising in conjunction with the Yare Valley church coffee pod. We have seen a few of the youngsters and their grown ups continue to attend parkrun since the takeover.

On the 18th June we had our 7th birthday, it's hard to believe we have now been doing this for 7 years and we had lots of people attend who had not been for a while, it was great to see them and get their reaction on the park and how it had developed, from a patch of grass with sticks to what we have now.

All these are great events for the community and I believe critical, while you may think it's just a run it builds confidence, resilience and a community spirit, we have all age ranges taking part and we continue to mentor and aid our Duke of Edinburgh volunteers. We now have had 2 people complete their Bronze award and currently have 1 working toward their Bronze and 2 working towards a Silver award. Having these young volunteers makes our work a lot easier and allows Brundall parkrun to function each week.

In 2022 we have had 26 events with 2,241 people attending those parkruns. With our average attendance being 86. We have had visitors from far and wide with Australia being our furthest distance.

I would always recommend people coming to see the work we do on Saturday and while you may not feel like running or walking 5k or volunteering, there is always a coffee or tea and a piece of cake and we would love to say hello.

We would also like to thank the team on Wednesdays who have thinned down the brambles on the car park, this was a big job, but has really helped on Saturdays and allowed greater flexibility on the overflow car park. This might be an option in the main car park as well.

Also thanks to Claudia and Richard with the movement of the Jubilee Tree sign.

Issues you wish Land Management to discuss

- None

Items previously raised and still on our watch list

- Widden of pathways looking a doing this later in the year
- Next steps with the drainage pond.
- Winter months and path situation (Document produced)

Help requested from within Land Management groups

- Is there a date set for the trimming of the allotments perimeter hedge? Both height and width. The bottom pathway is getting narrowed from both the allotments' hedge and brambles on either side.
- I hate to raise this again, but was also on various Facebook groups. Dog waste continues to be a major issue at the Countryside Park. It's not unusual for our volunteers to use multiple bags on a Saturday morning. The five signs are in place, and I don't think more signs will help, but can Council use the available social media accounts to remind users of the requirement to clean up after their dogs in shared spaces, not sure if the problem is just the Countryside Park. I am not sure what other actions could be taken, but seems good will is keeping the Park from being an unpleasant environment.