

# Brundall Parish Council Land Management reports to be considered

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**Name of organisation/group** Brundall parkrun - Countryside Park

## Highlights for sharing



At the point of this meeting we will have completed our 46th event of 2022. 3,843 people have completed the course. Our 2022 average attendance is at 85, this is lower than previous years but not a concern for the team and there has been a drop in attendance across many sporting events since COVID.

October we have been promoting parkwalking, this is part of a national campaign and we have certainly seen an increase in people walking the course, as well as many new faces joining us. We feel this is a great entry point to parkrun and of course continues to show we are accessible to all.

We are now into the final part of 2022 and Christmas is fast approaching. The weather has certainly changed. In September we saw delivery of the sand and we have been able to put the majority of it down along the bottom track of the allotments. I think we managed around 8 tonnes with a few volunteers helping out to get us ready! We are really pleased with the results and it seems to be working really well. Early days but we are so pleased.



We also took the opportunity to fill some ruts and gaps in the course, this has been very successful and made the course flatter in a number of places. We have also added additional soil to the bottom left corner along the railway, an area marked on Rob's document as requiring more soil.

There is more work to do on this, but time is the biggest factor.

Overall the park is in great condition and the mild weather is helping to keep the mud away and we think the dry summer has impacted the general water table in that area, meaning any rain is draining away.

We want to extend our thanks to the team who cut the allotment bushes round the course. It has made a major difference and feels much nicer running at the bottom and on the side of the course.

Working with Claudia, we have also taken on the filling of dog waste bags at the Countryside Park. Filling this on a regular basis seems to have made a real difference and we have seen a marked reduction in pickups we have to do on Saturday morning.

October also saw one of our young volunteers make the short list for a Broadland award. She attended the Broadland District Council's Community at Heart Awards for 2022 dinner. Sophie Broomfield has been an ever present volunteer over the last year and we are all proud to see her make the short list at the awards.

As always we extend an open invitation to any of the land owners committee/Parish Councillors who would like to join us for a cup of coffee to see our great community in action. We feel parkrun is great for wellbeing and mindfulness and brings a local community of all ages together.

## Issues you wish Land Management to discuss

- With New Years Day falling on Sunday, we are looking at the possibility of running an extra parkrun on this day. Would the land owners have any concerns with parkrun using the Countryside Park on the morning of the 1st Jan? This would be in addition to the 31st Dec. Several participants have expressed an interest and asked if it is possible to run a parkrun on New Years Day and we wanted to ensure Landowners would be happy with this.

## Items previously raised and still on our watch list

- Widening of pathways looking at doing this later in the year. (Travaltor side)
- Next steps with the drainage pond. Still no drainage added. Little impact from recent rain and we have not seen the pond starting to fill.
- Winter months and path situation (Document produced). Sand to be added to the bottom path along by train. **(COMPLETED Thank you so much)**
- Date set for the trimming of the allotments perimeter hedge? **(The bottom part was completed on the 7/11 thanks to all involved)**

## Help requested from within Land Management groups

- None