



Report from Memorial Hall Trustees

Hiring remains strong with not many time slots available. The hall is used by a wide range of local groups including community groups, sports groups and keep fit groups for all ages from toddlers through to our more senior residents. These groups use the hall for both social and recreational purposes. Details of these groups can be found on our website.

We applied for and we lucky enough to obtain a grant from Broadland District council to enable us to open a warm spaces community café on a Wednesday morning from 9am to 12pm. The purpose of this café was to provide a safe non-judgemental space for all residents of the village at a time of the week when this is not provided. This café has run from mid-December and would have closed at the end of April as this is when the winter pressures grant money received from Broadland District Council was due to run out, however Brundall Parish council were in receipt of a warm spaces grant that required allocating before the end of the financial year so donated these funds to us. The trustees wish to thank the Parish Council for these funds as this money will mean that we can keep the café open until at least September when it is hoped that fresh winter pressures grant money will become available to enable the trustees to continue to run the café throughout the winter.

Our status changed at the beginning of the year, so we are now a CIO with a new charity number, and we are currently in the process of moving our assets over to the new charity.

We have had a damp problem in the lounge and now the cause has been found we have to do the repairs to rectify the problem, this will mean inserting brickwork at the base of the walls, replacing the flooring. As we are having to do this work the trustees are looking into removing the post in the centre of the room replace the existing patio doors with bifold doors and hard landscape the area in the front of the hall with a short fence surrounding the area and planting to screen the road and car park. The idea is to create a south facing seating area with views to Blofield church. The quotes for the work have come in at £25k. We are currently fundraising and applying for grants to date we have raised £300 from the tabletop sale and have been given a donation by Acle and Brundall Lions. We are currently organising a music bingo for 18th May which we will be advertising shortly.

We are continuing to work on our vision for the hall and are currently working on a plan to bring to the Parish Council and we look forward to working with the parish council to develop a cohesive plan for land east of the Memorial Hall and the Memorial Hall playing field so it gives the residents of Brundall a green space that they can be proud of.