

Recreation & Wellbeing community group reports to be considered

Name of organisation/group: Yare Valley Churches **Date:** 02/02/2026

Highlights for sharing

- After the busyness of Christmas, January is a quieter month for the Yare Valley Churches and a time when we begin to prepare for the season of Lent and Easter.
- We have recently had a tree survey conducted in the churchyard which indicated necessary work over the next 12 months. Some of the trees are dead and need to be felled, whilst others need trimming. The work is being undertaken in stages, partly due to the expense and to obtain all the necessary permissions.
- Over the Christmas period our Community Pantry has received donations from a number of charities and businesses in the village for which we are very appreciative. This has enabled us to have a good start for the year.
- All our other groups are up and running after the Christmas Break and we have seen an increased number of people coming to our Thursday Community Café. We are a warm space and have funding to enable the first hot drink for anyone coming in to be free. The Forget Me Not Group, which supports those on the Dementia Pathway and their carers, has seen an increase in those attending. The Toddlers Group also has seen an increase in parents and carers coming with their toddlers and as well as benefiting the children, it is a place for parents to meet each other. The Youth Group continues to do well with between 10 – 15 young people attending. We have a team of 8 leaders so their responsibility is able to be shared between them.
- We have noticed that there are a number of older men in Brundall who have lost a partner and are struggling with loss and change. The Men's Shed provide a great place for people to go, but no one group can provide everything. So, we are exploring starting a monthly Men's Group to provide a place for men to meet others in similar position and provide support to each other.

Issues you wish Recreation & Wellbeing to discuss

Some of the trees which require work run down Church Lane. I understand that the ownership of Church Lane is unclear and therefore it is unclear who is responsible for it. There are some trees which need urgent attention to maintain public safety. We have sent a letter expressing concerns about this to the Parish Council and understand that

this has been passed to one the subcommittees but haven't heard if this has progressed. We would be happy to share a copy of the tree survey with you or work together on this.

Help requested from other Recreation and Wellbeing participants