

Brundall Parish Council Land

Management reports to be considered

Name of organisation/group: Brundall parkun - Countryside Park

Date: 5th September

Highlights for sharing

A busy summer period, the last 8 weeks have seen 896 people complete the course and we have seen attendance over 100 people each week, with many visitors who have never been to Brundall or the Countryside Park.

We completed our 11th Birthday in Mid June and completed a collection for the Yare Valley Pantry, which as always was well received by the church. We plan to do this again before December which is usually a popular event.

Generally things are good with great feedback from tourists, people from as far a field as Australia have come this year and a lot of local tourists as well. Always great to see lovely feedback. We are seeing people using the cafe on the high street and pushing people into the village which is good for the overall impact to the local economy.

The park has been very dry as expected and the brambles are in full growth across the paths and it's been very hot most Saturdays morning, Yare valley has sold a lot of bottles of water, we have also been giving out ice pops on the hot weekends. With the recent rain, the park is now recovering and turning back to a shade of green rather than a shade of yellow.

We are pleased to see the resurfaced car park, there has been some great feedback from visitors and regular users and certainly feels a lot safer for a number of regular users. Glad it was completed ahead of schedule and allowed for us to complete the parkrun on Saturday. Many thanks to all involved in getting this completed in a very quick period of time. I know some people have questioned the value, but from a safety perspective on a Saturday, I for one think its good value and takes concern away from the RD on a Saturday morning.

We are now moving to the last part of the year. Hedges have been confirmed to be cut on the 28th September, we have around 16 parkruns left of 2026, but a busy period is coming up.

Expectations are that we will be slightly lower on overall numbers compared to 2025, we have currently seen 3101 people complete the course which is around 600 people lower than last year for the same period, but the team is working hard to reduce the gap.

Issues you wish Land Management to discuss

None currently.

Help requested from within Land Management groups

We have raised the annual request for authorisation to lay sand in the winter months, this I believe this was agreed at the Countryside Park meeting (point 8 in August minutes, I believe this is being taken to Land Management, so just want to ensure everyone is happy. No plans yet to order or lay, but want to be

ready and will take the lead from Countryside Park team and or Land Management. Last year we only order 1.5 tonnes due to conditions and closures.