

## **PARISH COUNCIL REPORT FOR BEALINGS VILLAGE HALL TRUST**

Another busy year for renovation, also welcoming new hirers and classes too.

New guttering, downpipes, soffits and fascias were installed in August at a cost of £10k, at the same time new LED emergency exit lights were installed costing £1k

A new defibrillator battery and software update were also installed in August

We managed to squeeze in working parties on the Playing Field in July, August, September, January and March with numerous volunteers from both Bealings Villages helping to clear footpaths and leaves, replace sleepers on the boules court, repair rabbit holes, spread two tons of topsoil, sow grass seed and repair equipment

New basketball backboards for the sports court were produced and installed in-house saving over £500. We again pressure washed the court and sprayed with moss killer ready for the new season.

In November it was noted that the hall's leaking roof was getting much worse and so 3 contractors were contacted for quotes. In December the committee decided to gain the advice of a structural engineer and we are awaiting their report on the viability of the existing concrete supports. On 23 December ACRE announced the opening of the Platinum Jubilee Grant Fund – a £3m fund to support Village Halls. We immediately started work preparing to apply for a grant to replace the roof and the rotting wooden doors for an estimated total of £86k.

After getting notification from Colin Hedgley of another funding opportunity, a further grant application was sent off in February to ASDA as part of their "Investing in Spaces and Places Grant Fund.

As soon as ESC Planning Dept. finally decide whether we need planning approval or not for the replacement roof – we asked for advice Jan 4th, we can then apply to numerous other grant funding bodies in the hope for support.

More tree work was started around the car park and hall removing dead/dangerous overhanging limbs, with more to follow later in March at a cost of around £500

The Sports Court annual subscription was increased slightly from £30 p.a. to £35 for local residents and from £60 to £70 for non-residents from 1<sup>st</sup> April this year.

The Trustees of the Village Hall greatly appreciate the donations given each year by the two Parish Councils towards the upkeep of the hall and playing field.