## **Brandon Parva Church**

During the past year there have been 8 services, including one Group Service and our Carol Evening. The average attendance for the normal services is 8. We like most country Churches struggle to meet all our overheads and with all members of our PCC now of retirement age it is increasing difficult to have fund raising events and of course such things as cleaning the Church and maintaining the Church yard are becoming more onerous as there are only one or two people doing all the work. The Grant we had from the Parish Council in 2016 helped with this. We are now having to put in alarm system to protect the roof, all extra costs at a time when there is reduced income. Such a shame when the Church is our only thing in our village for the community to use and the amount of history it contains is available nowhere else.

## Litter warden

I have been out litter picking on several occasions only to find that the next time I travel that way there is more rubbish left. The number of drink cans/bottles is increasing, could this be due to more people taking exercise in our lovely countryside? If other people would help by having a plastic bag with them when they go out and pick some up it would certainly help.

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