

# || RUNHALL COMMUNITY GROUP

**i** Runhall Community Group is pleased to provide this report of activity to the Parish Council.

The aim of the Runhall Community Group is to:

- Provide small improvements to Runhall considering broader interests of the community e.g. caretaking the phone box, installing defibrillator, installing benches on footpath etc.
- Maintain, develop and improve on existing facilities
- Encourage and promote wellbeing and mental health through outdoor activity for all age groups in the village of Runhall.
- Support the Trustees of Runhall Recreation Ground in the development and maintenance of the play area and equipment.

## WHO ARE WE?

	Role	Elected for 2022:	Role	Elected for 2022:
Core roles	Chair	Rachel Prentice	Secretary	Caroline Blacklock
	Treasurer	Deborah Bourassa	Signatories	Deborah Bourassa David Fairman Janet Parnell
New	Safety Officer	Maurice Hutchinson	Grant officer	Jane Jewson
	Members	Caroline Blacklock David Fairman Deborah Bourassa Jane Jewson Janet Parnell Liz Holmes Maurice Hutchinson Rachel Prentice	Supporters	Anita Hair Bev Long Iain Hair Jade Aldred Sarah Nelis Amanda Jenkins Donna Dean

## FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Due to Covid, financial activity in 20/21 was minimal, payments included tree work carried out at the play area, insurance and ROSPA. No fundraising activities were undertaken in 2020. In 2021, we received a £500 grant towards the defibrillator from South Norfolk Council, there were two donations made, £100 for the hire of the marquee and £50 towards the defibrillator. Carol singing was our only fundraising event in 2021 and we raised £71. In February 2022 we held a bake sale which raised £64.

# OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITY

## Fresh Start

2021

The major focus 2021 has been working with the Recreation Ground Trustees to find a mutually agreeable approach to running the Recreation Ground alongside the other priorities of the Runhall Community Group.

2022

A supportive relationship has been established resulting in the drafting of a set of working principles. It was agreed that each group would review these on an annual basis and accepted for another year or propose amendments which would be fed back to the other group for consideration.

We have also enhanced our group's focus by adding 2 new roles focusing on Risk Management and finding Grants

Next

With a fresh start in 2022 it is time to gain an update on our community's perspectives on the amenities they would like us to focus on now and in the future. We are conducting a survey during April which will guide priorities and inform our future event and grant strategies.

## Recreation Ground

The Play Area was assessed by RoSPA in June 21 with many areas requiring attention. The areas reported as highest risk (at amber rating) were the small gate post, the tunnel ends, the toddler swing timbers and fixtures, the multiplay timbers and monkey bars and the basketball surface. .

The group have maintained the overgrown foliage, cleared leaves, weeded the basketball area, cleaned the benches and wooden equipment, fitted anti-bird devices, fixed the tunnel, tightened screws on play equipment and mowed the grass.

Identifying and applying for grants to replace the basketball area surface and new equipment as prioritized by the survey.

Apply for Aviva volunteers to repaint the fence

Cut the tops of remaining hedges  
Remove brambles from outside

## The Exchange (Phone Box)

This service was well used throughout the seasons by people with in the village and those who passed through, with plants, fruit and veg exchange. here was a good supply of books, CDs, DVDs etc. The Christmas Tree was a lovely much-admired addition to the village.

The Christmas Tree has been repotted and was embellished with hearts decorated by community members for valentine's day and verbatim of favourite books for book week

The tree will be used throughout the year to celebrate events such as Easter, Holidays etc

## Grants

2021

A few grants were identified and applied for during the year. The Norfolk Foundation application was denied due to ongoing discussions with the Recreation Ground Trustees, the Norfolk Community Foundation photo competition was entered but we didn't win, we collected 758 tokens for the Cash for Charities and we were awarded funds. The Parish Council awarded funding to cover the cost of insurance for the Play Area for 2021.

2022

We have set up a new role 'Grant Officer' on the committee so that if we experience other phenomena like a lock-down we can continue to look for funds without relying solely on events. We have set up Amazon Smile.

Next

The results of the survey will help inform us on the type of funds and grant to look for.  
We will also be looking for a fund to help with replacing the basketball surface.

## Events

Due to the pandemic the only event that took place was the Carol Singing. This went very well, we had 20 carol singers and we sounded pretty good! We only made it down The Green this time as it started to get dark. Everyone was in good spirits and are keen to do it again next year. We might have to start earlier or work out a different route for next year if we want to make it to East Green.

The group have had 2 maintenance days at the recreation ground for gardening type jobs and maintenance outlined in the 'Recreation Ground' update section.

A Bake Sale was held in aid of the defibrillator

3rd April Litter Pick  
Throughout April Community Survey

28<sup>th</sup> May Jubilee event  
TBC sponsored Rural walk  
TBC more maintenance days

## Other Projects

**Bus Stop** - Norfolk County Council have visited the site to look at potential positioning and suitable standing area for the bus and children to wait. We have requested further updates.

**Passing places** – we have contacted Norfolk County Council regarding this but are awaiting an update.

**Community orchard** – Our requests for allotment land and scrubland on Copper Lane were unsuccessful.

**Marquee** – We had one booking during 2021 and a donation was made for this use. The marquee was noted to be in soiled condition before use with some fixings starting to deteriorate.

**Defibrillator** – South Norfolk Council have given £500 grant. The Bake Sale proceeds have been ringfenced for this project.

The output from the Survey will inform us on where to focus our attention for future activity

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Calendar	Meetings	Maintenance Activities	Fundraising Activities
Jan		Thank you cards	
Feb		Maintenance day (13 <sup>th</sup> )	Pop up cake stall (Friday)
Mar	21st - Committee meeting		
Apr		ROSPA Inspection?  (ROSPA last completed in June 2021)	Litter pick (3 <sup>rd</sup> )  Meet 2.30pm @ Playground
May	Next meeting?		Platinum Jubilee (28 <sup>th</sup> )
Jun			
Jul			
Aug	Next meeting?		
Sep			Sponsored Rural walk
Oct	AGM		
Nov			
Dec		Apply for grant for insurance	Carol singing - 2pm

## CONCLUSION

**i** *We look forwards to working with the Community and the Parish Council to maintain and improve the facilities of Runhall. We are excited about our up-and-coming activities and events and would welcome your support and participation.*

*Feel free to contact the Runhall Community Group at your convenience by email at [runhallcq@gmail.com](mailto:runhallcq@gmail.com) or by phone at 07916127249.*