

Yaxham Parish Charity Report 2020-21

The Parish has had a busy year – with many of the grants in consequence of the Covid-19 pandemic. In the first place there was the application by the Yaxham Village Amenities Association Trustees to turn the upset of the first lockdown into a positive by undertaking a long-needed re-painting new flooring for the Hall. The Charity stepped up and provided two thirds of the costs at £5,725 – on the back of a £10,000 government grant via Breckland to the YVAA in recognition of the forced closure of the Hall.

Then in July for the first time the Parish Charity initiated a grant scheme and invited directly village organisations to apply for “Covid-19” re-start grants of up to £250 per organisation to cover PPE and other Covid related costs. The Community Car Scheme, Community Café, YVAA and the Primary School all took advantage of this.

There were also other grants – to the Yaxham Football Club cover the costs of the new Dugouts on the playing field, and helping the Primary School with the costs of the new pedestrian safety barrier at the front of the school.

Lastly, in January the Parish Charity received a windfall of £12,000 from the old Yaxham Social Club, which was very gratefully received. In the April Charity meeting this year this donation was re-directed to the new play area refurbishment project, thanks to the Social Club. The Charity added £5,000 from its own income and there will now be an application to Breckland for a further £5,000 for this exciting new project – totalling some £22,000.

The Charity is for all the organisations in the parish and is therefore open to all to apply.

Thank you to my fellow councillors that have taken their role with the Charity so seriously, and to our Clerk for her active support and guidance.

Ian Martin,

Chairman.