

RATTLESDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Chair's report to the AGM 2023/24

1. Financial health

RCC is managing to maintain a balance between income and expenditure whilst still setting aside a small percentage of income for longer term maintenance. Our main source of annual income – our Lucky Numbers draw - continues with a core membership but we really need some new and additional members to keep up with our expenditure which has significantly increased in recent years due to large rises in our insurance premiums and the grass cutting contract. However, we have benefited from a fundraising event hosted by Mandy Flack and her team and financial support from Mid Suffolk District Council, Rattlesden Parish Council and our local Councillor Nicky Willshire's locality funding. The latter has been utilised for essential drainage work to support flood alleviation measures. We have also seen a pleasing increase in our hiring for parties and events and we have 2 football teams using the pitch on a regular basis.

2. New members of the community council

We have been pleased to welcome new members to the Community Council this year – so welcome to Dan, Jess, Nicky and Ted. We are always happy to chat to anyone in the village about the work of RCC and if you or anyone you know would like to be involved please contact me or any member of RCC

3. New events

This year we were delighted to see Rattlesden Lunches restarting under the guidance of Linda Stiff and we hope they continue to be supported. The History Group has made regular use of the pavilion and Jess Walters has introduced family events including film afternoons. This means that the pavilion is now catering to a wide variety of residents and is a welcoming place for young and old.

4. Future projects

One of our key projects for the coming year is the revamping of our Audio Visual equipment and an investigation into improved sound proofing for the pavilion so that we can host not only more film events but other activities

| which require such equipment. We will be developing a project specification for this and seeking external funding in the near future

I would like to end by thanking the members of RCC for all their work over the past year – the pavilion and playing areas can only be managed by volunteers and I am conscious of the support of each member in our overall community activity.

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