

RATTLEDEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NOVEMBER 2023

CHAIR'S REPORT

This has been the first full trading year since the general disruption after Covid although we were still hosting weddings which had been booked in that period. Bookings have been a little quieter overall with the usual mix of children's parties and larger events. This year also saw a new football team from Stonham utilise our facilities whilst their premises were being redeveloped.

We also obtained a grant under the Warm Spaces initiative to host a free hot lunch each week for anyone in the village who wished to avail of it. This has continued on a commercial basis as a pop-up café provided by Jen Lord who also runs the monthly lunch club. During the winter the Rural Coffee Caravan utilised the pavilion each month so they could continue their excellent work in the community. The yoga classes with Stuart continue to thrive on Thursday evenings and Sunday mornings.

We were pleased to welcome 2 new volunteers to join the committee and we are looking forward to new ideas and initiatives coming forward from their contacts and associates in the village.

Sadly we were subject to some acts of vandalism during the year the most significant being the destruction of a number of our solar panels which resulted in over £10,000 in damage and lost revenue. In addition downpipes and water taps were vandalised. This will have a knock on effect on our insurance premiums.

We remain committed to providing a first class facility for the use and enjoyment of the whole community and although this is proving much more difficult given our tough financial situation with rising costs and a flat income, we hope that more volunteers will come forward during the coming year with ideas as to how we might revitalise our community events and activities.

My grateful thanks to the committee for all their hard work and support over the year.

Ann Tate

Chair Rattlesden Community Council