

THE LITTLE YELDHAM VILLAGE HALL AND RECREATION GROUND

SUCCESS STORY

In May 2022, the Village Hall Trustees decided that they needed to make improvements to the Hall and about the same time, the Parish Council agreed to upgrade the Recreation Ground, but the biggest stumbling block for both endeavours was the lack of funding.

Both parties applied to every organisation who would accept an application and the excellent results we see today, both in the Village Hall and on the Recreation Ground.

As a small rural village on the outskirts of the Braintree District, Little Yeldham has been very fortunate with awards being granted of circa **£164,000** – yes, you read it correctly **£164,000!!** What an achievement!!

There are many people to thank for this success – not only the organisations awarding grants but also all the companies and individuals who have supported us with donations of time, money and goods along the way.

A big heartfelt thank you to everyone – we really appreciate it!!

Below are the organisations who have awarded us grants:

- Bernard Sunley Foundation
- Braintree District Council
- Bruce Wake Trust
- Essex County Council Community Initiatives Fund
- East of England Co-Op Community Cares Fund
- Essex Fund via Essex Community Foundation
- National Lottery Awards For All
- National Lottery Big Fund
- National Lottery Community Fund

And below is what their awards have provided:

For the Recreation Ground

- New play equipment
- New entrance
- Pathways
- Seats, bins and a notice board

For the Village Hall

- Car park refurbishment
- Accessibility ramp to the John Gardiner Room
- New fire door and rear door for the John Gardiner Room
- Roof repairs and loft insulation
- Exterior wall insulation and rendering
- Exterior lighting upgrade
- New kitchen
- New heating in the Main Hall and John Gardiner Room
- Refurbishment of the Main Hall toilets
- Refurbishment of the store rooms
- New blinds
- Redecoration throughout