

Bradfield Village Hall's October 2025 Report to Bradfield Parish Council

Bradfield Village Hall's Christmas Fayre will take place on Saturday 29 November 2025. All arrangements are now in place and we have a strong number of volunteers confirmed for the day. Posters will shortly be displayed on lamp posts, and a banner will be positioned at the entrance to the children's play park. Further promotional boards will also be installed, supported by Chamberlain Phillips Estate Agents.

The Annual General Meeting will take place on Wednesday 3 December 2025 at 4.30pm at Bradfield Village Hall. All current user groups have been contacted to notify them of the date, and to ask whether they wish to speak at the AGM so that the agenda can be planned in advance. Public notices will be displayed within 14 days of the AGM to inform village residents.

We will also be supported at the meeting by Danielle Frost from the Rural Community Council of Essex, who will outline the role of a charity trustee and the expectations involved, for the benefit of any members of the public who may be considering putting themselves forward as new trustees, currently we have interest from 3 potential trustees. It should be noted that any new trustees must be aware of Part 7 of the Constitution of Bradfield Village Hall CIO relating to conflicts of interest.

7. Conflicts of Interest and Conflicts of Loyalty.

A charity trustee must:

7.1, declare the nature and extent of any interest, direct or indirect, which he or she has in a proposed transaction or arrangement with the CIO, or in any transaction or arrangement entered into by the CIO which has not previously been declared; and

7.2, absent himself or herself from any discussion of the charity trustees in which it is possible that a conflict of interest will arise between his or her duty to act solely in the interests of the CIO and any personal interest (including but not limited to any financial interest).

Any charity trustee absenting himself or herself from any discussion in accordance with this clause must not vote or be counted as part of the quorum in any decision of the charity trustees on this matter. End.

The new infrared heating system has now been installed in the changing rooms. Two new heaters have been fitted to improve comfort for all users, and both units are controllable locally and via wi-fi. Bradfield Village Hall has funded this improvement work to the sum of £1,124.

We are now in a position to apply for a lottery grant to support the refurbishment of the kitchen & the changing rooms which was always the plan. The grant application from the village hall trustees to the parish council will be completed in due course with there being eight to nine months before the new football season starts.

Bradfield Rovers Football Club have been issued with their new Hire Agreement for the forthcoming hire period, which begins on 1 December 2025. The agreement was issued on 1 November 2025, with a request for it to be returned by 24 November 2025, in order to ensure that all arrangements are completed ahead of the new hire period commencing.

At present we have over 20 regular hirers, and there have been no concerns raised by any of them. We seek advice regularly from the Rural Community Council of Essex, to whom Bradfield Village Hall is formally affiliated. When specialist clarification is needed, we obtain it. The trustees show fully transparently at all times. There is nothing untoward and nothing hidden.

The implication that “the whole community” is somehow dissatisfied is simply not supported by any evidence. The only communications we have received are from one small source, not broadly from hirers or residents in general.

Regards

All Trustees of Bradfield Village Hall