

Press Release: 2nd April 2019

## **Rainhill Village Hall sees new lease of life**



Major refurbishments at Rainhill Village Hall have just been completed following a £31,000 grant. The hall is used by 25 regular weekly groups including fitness, bowls, drama and musical theatre groups, children's play groups and ballroom dancing. The Women's Institute, a heritage society and a craft class also use the building and a luncheon club for pensioners is held regularly.

The grant to improve the hall comes from Biffa Award; a multi-million pound fund that helps to build communities and transform lives through awarding grants to community and environmental projects across the UK, as part of the Landfill Communities Fund.

The committee at Rainhill approached Biffa Award last year after spotting that the foyer roof had started leaking. On top of this both kitchens were in dire need of refurbishment. The village hall, which provides meals for the elderly and light refreshments for other groups, needed new cookers and a ventilation system.

Now work is completed villagers are excited to use the new kitchens

Maria Heaton, Chair said:

"The whole committee is grateful for the help from Biffa. We could never have afforded this essential work on our limited budget. Having a new roof and two refurbished kitchens has alleviated a lot of worry and stress."

Eunice Benson, Luncheon Club Organiser said:

"It'll be a pleasure working in the lovely new kitchen and making dinner for the old folk."

Gillian French, Biffa Award Head of Grants, said:

“The Hall is central to life in Rainhill and it’s fantastic to be able to support it with this grant. The building sees a whole range of classes and groups; now facilities have improved the hall might see even more activity!”



## Notes for Editors

### Biffa Award

Since 1997, Biffa Award has awarded grants totalling more than £165 million to thousands of worthwhile community and environmental projects across the UK. The programme administers money donated by Biffa Group Ltd through the Landfill Communities Fund.

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### Landfill Communities Fund

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Since its inception in 1996, over £1.6 billion has been spent on more than 56,000 projects across the UK. For further information please visit [www.entrust.org.uk](http://www.entrust.org.uk) or see [HMRC's general guide to landfill tax](#).



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