

Hi Brian,

I enjoyed my trip out to Bilbrough last week – even if it was in the dark. It was great to meet the Village Hall Committee and particularly uplifting to see a very healthy representation of younger members of the community and potential new committee members being identified. The improvements you have made to the kitchen and toilets and your clear determination to keep the fabric in good order coupled with the range of activities the hall is used for suggest a bright future ahead.

I mentioned the potential to apply for Inspire funding. Up to £1000 and essentially about helping new groups to get going or longer established groups to try new ideas or get a bit of a boost with re-energising existing activity. You could use it to offer a hire charge subsidy to something new or to support you to run a one-off event or series of activities with a focus on bringing the community together or getting people to look at using “their” village hall. Can be used for publicity or internet charges (we like digitally enabled places!). This is apply any time funding and no suggestion that likely to end but obviously nothing is ever 100% certain with the 2 usual exceptions

If you want to apply I’d suggest you contact me first as our aim is to say “Yes” so it helps to check that is likely before you battle the form but you can just go for it and we would contact you for more information or clarification if we needed it before we scored your application. To apply follow the link from this page <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/community-and-volunteering/grants-and-funding/inspire-fund> If you reply “Yes” to all the questions in the eligibility checker it will let you register and apply. The form isn’t meant to take you ages so fine to keep answers fairly tight. If you have any problems with the process give me a shout. I’d also suggest you let me know when you’ve applied (if you do) as the system doesn’t alert us and although we try to check for new applications regularly I’m not always that organised!

I hope you have a good Christmas and New Year,

Tom

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