

Improving community facilities in Raunds

The Town Council are investing in a range of community facilities in the Town. Play areas are being updated, open spaces improved, brand new facilities such as the dog park off London Road are being created, the council are proud of what has been achieved to date, but we know there is still a lot to do! These improvements to the town are being funded through a combination of council reserves, grant funding and “developer contributions” or “S106 contributions.”

S106 contributions are money that developers of commercial and residential properties must pay to local councils to ensure that local services such as schools, hospitals and community facilities are sufficient to meet the needs of a growing population. S106 funds are part of detailed legal agreements associated with developments, they can be very prescriptive as to what funds are used for. They are also normally drawn up a number of years before development takes place.

The Saxon Hall



The Saxon Hall is the primary community facility provided by the Town Council. It is essential that Saxon Hall continues to be fit for purpose and is suitable for use by a wide range of groups. Most importantly the Saxon Hall must generate revenue for the council to invest in other facilities rather than costing the council money to keep open.

Raunds Town Council is therefore committed to a program of upgrading the Saxon Hall, this will include new ceilings, new flooring, new kitchens, a new entrance and reception area. The gardens are also being improved and added to. These improvements will all be paid for through S106 contributions.

In addition to this a terrace has been added to the rear of the building.



The terrace is a high quality outdoor space for use by hirers using the adjacent Hall One. There are no additional charges for using this space and it has already increased interest in the Saxon Hall for wedding parties and other functions. Sensibly when the Finance Committee considered use of the terrace they introduced some restrictions; you can't have a bouncy castle on the area for health and safety reasons and we don't allow animals! You can view the full terms and conditions for use [here](#) The terrace has been funded entirely from the council's own reserves and so the council wasn't restricted by a s106 agreement.

To enquire about using the Saxon Hall please contact Raunds Town Council on 01933 622087 or email info@raunds-tc.gov.uk