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PRESS RELEASE

Funding approved for project “Keeping Warm and Dry” (new roof, windows and doors) at Geldeston Village Hall.

Geldeston Village Community Hall are set to get a much needed new roof, windows and doors thanks to a fantastic £46,240.00 grant from funding body WREN.

The money, awarded by WREN`s FCC Community Action Fund, will mean that the hall committee have now got the means to start the major refurbishment plan for their much loved historic hall. Loraine Loffstadt (Chairperson) said the very active community, not only from Geldeston but many outlying rural villages, are very excited at the prospect of this landmark hall getting the refurbishment it needs to keep it active for many years to come. It is now showing its age and has never had a major uplift so it is fantastic that WREN are supporting us by making this grant, ensuring that the users will be warm and dry during the many events that are held in the hall. This great award kicks starts other parts of “Village Alive”, a major refurbishment plan for our 93 years old hall. We can now install our new kitchen (with other funders support) and we are very nearly on target to funding the installation of new mobility accessed toilets.

Watching this take shape over the next few months will be very exciting for the whole community.

We are so very thankful that WREN have believed in us by supporting our efforts to ensure this well used rural community hall has a long term future. It will now continue doing the job it was built for and that was to provide a centre point for all abilities and ages to have fun.

We really cannot thank them enough.

Without a positive planning/conservation officer, local Parish council support, a pro active committee, a supportive community and “We will do it” determination this would not have happened.

WREN is a not-for-profit business that awards grants for community, biodiversity and heritage projects from funds donated by FCC Environment through the Landfill Communities Fund.

Penny Beaumont, WREN’s grant manager for Norfolk, says: “We’re delighted to be supporting the Geldeston Village Hall “Keeping Warm and Dry” project and pleased our funding will make such a difference to so many people in Geldeston and the surrounding villages. WREN is always happy to consider grant applications for projects that benefit local communities and we’re looking forward to this one having a positive impact very soon.”

Loraine said the hall will be closed for a short period during these works but please keep an eye on the web page www.geldestonvillaghall.c.uk and the facebook page www.facebook.com/geldestonvillagehall for updates and pictures. The full list of all our generous funders are now on our web page and all our forthcoming events are on both these links. There will be a grand opening celebrating with WREN, and all our other funders, who have given their support to this thriving and expanding local community.

