

Villagers raise £260,000 for new hall

VILLAGERS have celebrated raising more than £250,000 to build a new hall in the heart of their community.

Residents of Bruisyard, near Saxmundham, have lost their pub, village shop and their old village hall in the past forty years.

But they were determined to raise the necessary funds for a new village hall and a ground-breaking ceremony was held at the site on Saturday.

Village resident John Gibb said the new centre would be an invaluable asset to local people.

“Bruisyard badly needs a community centre and we have now completed fund raising after three years and have raised £260,000,” he said.

“The design of the hall has been one of the principal reasons for its success. Apart from its looks, it has excellent



LANDMARK: Peter Robinson, chairman of Bruisyard Parish Council, breaks the ground where the new village hall will be built
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environmental credentials.”

Construction of the new hall, to be built on the parish park, will begin on April 1. The building has been

designed by the architect Robert Smith, who lives in the village. As well as local fundraising, the project has attracted grants from The Big Lottery Fund, Suffolk

County Council, Suffolk Coastal District Council, the Suffolk Environment Trust, Scottish Power Green Energy Trust and the Garfield Weston Foundation.