



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

**Diocese of St Edmundsbury
and Ipswich**

How we attracted funds to repair and heat our church building and for successful community projects

How we did it — Ruth Whittaker

QUESTIONS WE ASKED

- 1. What activities might increase our footfall and make the church more useful to the whole community?**
 - afternoon teas, lunch club, exhibitions, flower shows, lectures, concerts etc. etc.
- 2. What changes would be necessary to enable those activities?**
 - a loo, a social area with tables and chairs, a sink unit with hot water and drainage
- 3. What did we need to achieve our goals?**
 - i) Sufficient volunteers with a range of skills and expertise
 - ii) A willingness to engage with the wider community
 - iii) Local support and evidence of need
 - iv) Skilled professionals
 - v) Realistic timing: preparing well in advance
 - vi) Permissions
 - vii) Money

FUNDERS WHO HELPED US

Allchurches Trust Ltd.

Awards for All (Lottery)

The Bernard Sunley Foundation

The Church and Community Fund

Darsham Parish Council

The Ganzoni Charitable Trust

The Garfield Weston Foundation

The Suffolk Community Foundation

Suffolk County Council (Locality Budget)

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