

Meeting	Full Council
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Recommendations:

1. To approve re-running the Yoga Sessions under another six week programme to commence in May, up to the value of £600.00 to be met from 4629/402.
2. To approve an additional £500.00 for the Sensory Garden Project to be met from 4330/402.

Success of Previous Events

- **BEST- Be A Better You Easter Sessions:** These turned out to be hugely successful again and both attendees and BEST are thoroughly looking forward to the summer enrichment sessions. It has been decided that the older sessions were not well enough attended to continue offering these as a separate event. However, the attendees who did attend are happy to join the enrichment sessions with younger attendees. This also offers role models for the younger children as well as offer them some young leader experience.
- **Easter Egg Hunts:** These proved to be very popular and had some fantastic feedback from attendees and their parents/carers. It worked well doing two separate events at different areas of the parish. The Council will identify other open spaces within the Parish that may also work well for next year's Easter events.
- **Springtime Stroll:** The attendees of this event thoroughly enjoyed the event, especially planting a tree to commemorate the upcoming Coronation of King Charles III. The plaque that the children designed is fantastic and will shortly be displayed at the site. Neil from Wiltshire Wildlife Trust suggested for future events there is some kind of station to work from/gather. For example, a circle or logs for young people to sit on.
- **Yoga Sessions:** Another six week yoga session has been completed and has been very popular once again. The Community Development Officer would like to continue running the sessions under the Community Choices initiative for 2023/2024. The previous lot of sessions included 15 minutes mindfulness and breathing technique making the class 60 minutes long, but most participants just preferred to do the yoga for 45 minutes so the sessions would revert to this and subsequently be cheaper to run. The Council Offices is a good location that most people can walk to, and people have enjoyed meeting each other and learning new skills. The cost of the 6 week session is approximately £600.00, and the participants pay £6.00 each for attending.

Upcoming Events

- **Kings Coronation Suncatcher Workshop:** This has had a good amount of interest so far and the 1st Greenmeadow Rainbows have contacted the Youth and Community Co Ordinator to ask to do the same thing within their unit and donate half of these to HWPC to add to the display for the Coronation. The Youth and Community Co Ordinator will attend their session on Tuesday 25th April to receive these.
- The Youth and Community Co Ordinator is looking to organise other events such as Quiz and Curry Evening at the Haydon Wick Club as this was one of the most successful and well received, this also ties in with the Community Choices themes for 2023-2024, Isolation & Loneliness and Youth Engagement.



- A brain storming session is being held on 19th April 2023 to develop an Events Programme to bring to Community Development for consideration on 6th June 2023. Please filter any ideas to be explored, through to events@haydonwick.gov.uk

Communications Updates

- The communications that have been put on Facebook and Instagram recently have been well responded to. The Summer Spectacular has received the most interaction in the last month as expected. It has encouraged a lot of people to get in touch with the Youth and Community Co Ordinator regarding booking stalls at the event. The second monthly news bulletin was well received, and it now has 48 subscribers which has increased in the last month. This will be pushed through email and social media in the coming weeks.

Summer Spectacular Progress

The activities for the day are coming together now and there is a schedule of events in progress.

- The Youth and Community Co Ordinator is meeting with Janet's Puppy School to discuss how to best run the dog show. Janet's Puppy School has also offered to sponsor this activity in some way, which is fantastic.
- Purton Amateur Dramatics has confirmed they will be having a stall and will perform a short engaging sketch at the event to involve the whole audience.
- There are an increasing number of food stalls confirmed including: Mario's Ice Cream, Indian Cuisine, Tacos, Hog Roast, Sweet (Pick 'n' Mix) stall, Girl Guiding Cake stall and hot drinks with desserts.
- Along with this there are a variety of craft stalls confirmed and enquiring, for example, resin items, Ink handmade jewellery, Face Painting, Glitter Tattoos, Personalised items of clothing and accessories.

Memory Café

In the next few weeks, the Memory Café is happy to be welcoming STFC, with talks from Don Rodgers & Jon Trollope. In May, Wilts Rural Music is bringing in a guitarist and doing a sing along. There will also be a Ukulele band, and Lin will be doing her popular seated exercise. In June, Steam will be coming back in to do a presentation and Uplands School Starlight singers are coming along to entertain everyone.

Hydrotherapy Pool Swimming Sessions

Officers discussed this at length with the insurance company and obtained free legal advice from the SLCC. Both have recommended not to pursue the activity as this is not covered under the insurance and a disclaimer will not suffice.

The residents have now decided to go swimming at the Hydrotherapy Pool with Orchid Care Home privately, which wasn't an option when first explored.

Summer Tea Dance

The event is set to take place on 18th August 2023 at GLL Haydon Centre. Suppliers have been confirmed for that date and costings are being finalised.

Sensory Garden

The Sensory Garden project is coming along wonderfully, the Parks & Projects Team has worked so hard putting together the vision the Memory Café Co Ordinator has for the Sensory Garden. The bulk of the project has been put together with a lot of materials that have been found within the allotment area and have been recycled or have been kindly donated by members of the public.

There is still some work to do, but hopefully within the next month the Sensory Garden could be finished. The Sensory Garden, once established, will provide a lovely calm and safe environment for people to sit, potter and do some light garden work.



There will be an official opening event of the Sensory Garden once the project has finished. A lot of time and research has gone into choosing the right plants, flowers, herbs etc to encourage re growth and longevity.

The budget assigned from left over Horticultural Budgets (£500.00) has now been spent on the initial site layout, raised beds, seating area and bark surface. The Memory Café Co Ordinator is requesting another £500.00 towards a small tool shed, materials for another small, raised bed, plants and Memory Café craft activities to incorporate into the Sensory Garden to be met from 4330/402 to finalise the project and for its ongoing maintenance.

The team has reached out to local suppliers, garden centres and community groups to request sponsorship for this community project but sadly there has not been any responses. There are opportunities for youth events, visits from Care Homes, Easter activities, such as a Peter Rabbit trail and gardening lessons.