

Meeting	Community Development Committee
Date	5 th December 2023
Report Title	Christmas Activities
Agenda Reference	13
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Officer's Recommendations:

1. To note the report.

Christmas Card Competition

There were 10 entries. The winner was a pupil aged 11 from St Francis School, who will receive 2 packs of blank Christmas cards to show case her design, a personalised Christmas stocking, tote bag and tea towel. The winner will be contacted shortly and prize awarded in a school assembly.

Christmas Lunches

Christmas lunches for the Over 60's, Haven and Community Bus Users will take place on Wednesday 13th December and Wednesday 20th December at the Kembrey Inn. The Community Bus and an additional bus supplied from Dial A Ride will also be in use to take residents to/from the venue as these events have proved incredibly popular. There is 15 in attendance for the first date and 27 in attendance for the second date. All residents are paying £10.00 per person and the Council is subsidising the rest out of the Community Choices (Reducing Loneliness & Isolation) budget 4332/402.

Christmas Haven

There is an extra special Haven being planned for Monday 18th December 2023 and a Christmas buffet with fine china will be available for the participants. Most of the items for the buffet items have generously been donated by Staff and Councillors.

Christmas Parcels

The cupboards are filling up well with all the items for the parcels and donations have been received from RCCG Church (corned beef, sweet biscuits, cup a soups and jam), Aldi (mince pies), N&B Foods (bags of sugar), Swindon Food Collective (hand soap and shower gel).

The only thing left on the list to get now is savory biscuits/crackers. The team has fallen well under budget for the parcels due to the generosity from the donations received and shopping for bargains to ensure that the participants receive a wide variety of produce within their parcels.

Listed below are the Item's included in the parcels this year:

- Tea Bags
- Coffee
- Bag of Sugar
- Corned Beef
- Savory Biscuits
- Sweet Biscuits
- Custard
- Cuppa Soups
- Mince Pies
- Selection Box
- Christmas Pudding
- Jam
- Hand Soap
- Shower Gel



The Christmas Parcels will be packed on Friday 15th December 2023 and delivery will take place on Saturday 16th December 2023, the Chief Officer has sent an email requesting for volunteers to take part.

Children's Christmas Party

The Children's Christmas Party is due to take place on Monday 18th December 2023 from 4.00pm – 6.00pm at the Haydon Centre GLL. This is a free event for the young people of Haydon Wick parish but tickets need to be booked in advance on Eventbrite. Due to previous years being very successful, the capacity was doubled this year to accommodate up to 300 young people. Razmatazz will be providing entertainment – a Christmas magic show, games, and competitions with prizes to be won.

Christmas Opening Hours

The Council Offices will be closed from 4pm on Friday 22nd December through until 8am on Tuesday 2nd January. The Parks & Open Spaces Team will be operating a reduced service on the 27th, 28th and 29th from 7.30am – 3.30pm which will predominately bin emptying the litter bins, litter picking and attending to items on the daily work sheets. Normal service will continue from Tuesday 2nd January. For urgent items, these can be reported to the Out of Hours line (text messages and voicemails only) 07598 403789 or via tidyup@haydonwick.gov.uk

Memory Café Christmas Activities

Have been listed within the Memory Café report, but include a Christmas themed café on Wednesday 13th December 2023, a Christmas meal at the Toby Carvery on Monday 18th December 2023 and a special live nativity at the Council Offices on Wednesday 20th December 2023.