

Meeting	Full Council
Date	13 th December 2022
Report Title	Community Development Matters
Agenda Reference	13
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Officer's Recommendations

1. To note the contents of the report.
2. To approve the proposed date of 15th July 2023 for the summer fayre.
3. To the formation of an Events Working Party Nominations from Councillors to join the Working Party to be received at the Full Council meeting.

1. Memory Café

Our Memory Café attendees recently enjoyed a visit from a local Elvis tribute, who entertained everyone with well-known songs. At this session the NHS also called in to pass on information on recent research into dementia.

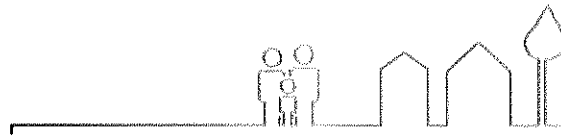
The recent Fish & Chip event held on Friday 2nd December 2022 was a success with 26 attendees and the entertainment was provided with live singing from Rob Barrow. The Memory Café Co Ordinator hopes to host another in the Spring.

The Over 60s Memory Café Christmas Lunch is planned for 19th December, with the Memory Café Christmas lunch the following day on 20th December.

2. Youth and Community Update

A) Children's Christmas Party - The children's Christmas party is booked for 19th December 2022 at the Haydon Centre. The free tickets were allocated within two hours of advertising the event on social media. As part of the Community Choices (reducing isolation and loneliness) budget, a small selection of Christmas gifts has been purchased for each of the 75 children attending the party, with entertainment provided by Razzamatazz. There will also be refreshments available for the children.

B) Christmas Card Competition - This year's Christmas Card Competition was won by Finley Lewis. The Youth and Community Co-Ordinator has been in touch with Finley's school (Catherine Wayte), to arrange to present Finley with his prize at an assembly. Finley is not aware that he has won the prize, so it will be a lovely surprise for him at his assembly. He will receive two packs of Christmas cards, a Christmas stocking, tote bag and a tea towel all showing his winning design.



3. Reducing Isolation and Loneliness Update

- A) Quiz night** - The next quiz night is planned for Friday 27th January 2023 at p.m. and will begin with a quiz run by the Youth and Community Co-Ordinator. There will also be a 'Play Your Cards Right' evening where the audience will participate, and prizes will be won.

Haydon Wick Working Men's Club have put their room hire rate up from £60.00 to £100.00. The Youth and Community Co-Ordinator has asked if there is a discounted rate available due to the Council's multiple bookings a year, and our events bringing many people into their establishment. The club's committee is currently discussing this and will get back to the Council with a decision.

- B) Warm Spaces and Ukrainian Café** - The Warm Spaces is continuing to be held twice a week in the large meeting room, supported by Councillors. Councillor McDermott and Councillor Bakerlee suggested having some craft sessions, or reaching out to those members of the community the Parish Council helped during Covid to see if they would like to participate.

Three Ukrainian cafes have been held, and the attendees have found the cafes useful for sharing information. One family who recently attended had only arrived in Haydon Wick at the beginning of November.

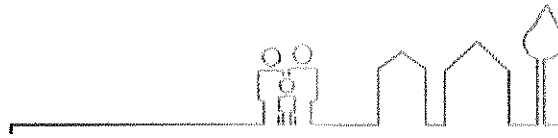
As part of the Warm Space project the Community Development Officer has recently undertaken training to qualify as the safeguarding lead for the Parish Council.

- C) Christmas Preparations** - Shopping is almost complete now for the Christmas parcels, and over 120 applications have been received so far. Christmas lunches for the Memory Café attendees and the Over 60s are scheduled for later this month.

- D) Community Bulb Planting and the Community Allotment** - Broad beans have been planted at the Community Allotment at Ventnor Close, and a meeting is scheduled in the New Year with Uplands Enterprise Trust to discuss their involvement on the site.

On Thursday 24th November 2023, Councillors E Baker Lee and S McDermott joined with staff and the office to plant the remainder of the snowdrop bulbs and fritillary bulbs at the field adjacent to Goodearl. The fritillary meadow will hopefully flourish in Spring.

- E) Information Hub** - The Community Development Officer has been in touch with the Head of Health Improvement Services at Swindon Borough Council to progress the idea of an information hub being held on a regular basis at the Council Offices. Further information will be available on this in the New Year.



4. **Summer Event** - The Community Development Team is working on ideas for some craft workshops to be held on the lead up to King Charles' Coronation in May 2023. Details of this will be brought to the Community Development Committee in February. The Team has also earmarked 15th July 2023 as a potential date for a summer fayre.

The Community Development Team wishes to set up a working party for events.

5. **Climate Change Working Party** - The first meeting of the Climate Change Working Party has been set up for 14th December 2022, during which the draft environmental policy will be discussed and this will be taken to Parks & Open Spaces Committee.
6. **Swindogs** – Following contact from the Community Development Officer with Chris Hyde, the Project Manager from Julia's House, Chris has confirmed that Julia's House have now chosen the locations of the sculptures. After a lengthy review the locations chosen are not within Haydon Wick Parish. These proposed locations still need to be signed off by Swindon Borough Council, the property owners and the logistics partner who is installing the sculptures.

This means that several locations are subject to change. However, the backup locations are still centrally located. Chris has said that as soon as he has confirmation of the locations and sign off for each one, he'll be in touch with a finalised map for sharing.

The Community Development Team will stay in touch with Chris, particularly once the charity has received applications from schools within Haydon Wick that are interested in decorating a smaller sculpture as part of the schools' programme. It is anticipated that the sculptures that are painted by schools within your parish will be on display at the North Swindon Library.