

Meeting	Community Development Committee
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Recommendations

1. To note the contents report.

Youth Events

- **Christmas activities** went very well in December. The Youth Christmas Party was well attended and produced some excellent feedback from parents and young people. Razzamatazz also thoroughly enjoyed doing the show for young people in Haydon Wick and are keen to work with the Council again this year. Looking forward to Christmas 2023, if it is decided to proceed with a similar event, this could be offered to a much higher number of attendees as there was plenty of room in the sports hall and Razzamatazz are used to entertaining much larger groups.
- **Dinky Ponies** visit for Haydon Meadow Pre-school was lovely and through doing this we have built a good rapport with the staff there. They are now very keen on getting involved more regularly with the Memory Café and have already visited the residents with Christmas cards and gifts. All the children who attended absolutely loved grooming and decorating the ponies and, in some cases, it was the first time they had got this close to a pony. It was very rewarding to see how much the children and staff took from this experience.
- **The Winter Welly Walk** in January was attended by a couple of families who stated they thoroughly enjoyed it and would love to do more throughout the year. The Council were supported by Neil from Wiltshire Wildlife Trust at the event, therefore, the information and guidance that the attendees received along the walk was fantastic. The Council has built a strong working relationship with Neil, and the Community Development Team is looking forward to holding similar events with the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust in the future.

Loneliness & Isolation Programme (Community Choices 2022)

As part of the Council's programme to reduce isolation and loneliness, a quiz, fish & chip and play your cards right evening was hosted at The Haydon Wick Club on Friday 27th January. Over 50 attendees turned up to enjoy five rounds of quiz questions, including who is the actor or actress? A geography and a music round. At half time everybody enjoyed a portion of Fish & Chips from Thames Avenue Chip Shop and a pudding, which everyone enjoyed.



After this, the night took a twist as everyone joined in shouting their support to the attendees who wanted to take part in the Council's own take on 'Play Your Cards Right'. This event was another huge success and feedback shows the Council's aim to reach isolated people was effective.

The Council has partnered with a local yoga teacher from Taw Hill to provide a six-week introductory course to yoga and mindfulness. This started on Monday 30th January at the Council Offices. Attendees have been asked to pay £1.00 per class, £6.00 payable in advance, to encourage attendance at each session.

Networking

The Youth and Community Co Ordinator and Community Development Officer attended two networking meetings with youth and community workers from other Parish Councils and organisations. These meetings are proving very useful in sharing ideas and experiences. It is clear from these meetings what is being offered in and around the parish. It is helpful to know what else is happening locally, and this way any duplication can be avoided.

Upcoming Events/ Competitions

Event name	Date	Age	How many to attend	Cost	Notes
Children's Clothes and Toy Sale	Saturday 4 th February 2023	N/A	Unlimited	- Youth and Community Co-ordinator/social media - Staff time - Haydon Centre sports hall hire.	- Stall holders are to pay five pound which will be donated to Swindon Food Collective as any costs for this event are from the Community Choices budget. - Due to the rising cost of living this event is designed to be affordable to the buyer and the seller.
BEST – Be A Better You Half-Term	Thursday 16 th February 1.45pm – 3.15pm	5-12 years	Up to 40	- Youth and Community Co-ordinator/social media - Staff time - BEST – Be A Better You (£100ph) - Haydon Centre sports hall hire	- During this session, attendees will get the chance to take part in team games, non-contact boxing and football skills. - From the success of previous events, this event is likely to have a large amount of attendees,
BEST – Be A Better You Half-Term Boxing Bootcamp	Thursday 16 th February 3.30pm – 4.45pm	12-16 years	Up to 30	- Youth and Community Co-ordinator/social media - Staff time - BEST – Be A Better	Due to the high rate in anti-social behaviour and knife crime within this demographic, the Council are hosting a Boxing Bootcamp with BEST in order to give young people in the community the chance to try out this discipline free of charge.



				You (£100ph) Haydon Centre sports hall hire	- BEST are fully trained in how to deal with young people who may be in difficult situations etc, therefore are providing more staff in order to be there to chat to the attendees if they wish to. - Police, Councillors and Staff are also invited in an effort to break down the barrier between young people and adults who can offer help and support.
Skate Event	Friday 17 th February 10.00 – 1.00pm	5 years +	Unlimited	Provided and funded by community grant awarded to ATB Skate Shop (£450)	ATB skaters and scooter riders provide a free event for children and young people to attend with music, competitions, snacks and prizes
Volunteer Thank You Afternoon Tea	Saturday 18 th February 12.00pm – 2.00pm	N/A	Up to 30	- Youth and Community Co-ordinator/social media - Staff time - Crockery £370.00 (4402/402 Marketing & Events)	- This event is a thank you to all the volunteers who regularly help out driving the bus, at the Memory Café and litter picking. - Invitations have gone out directly to volunteers - Includes presents, trophies and certificates for the young litter pickers
Over 60s Afternoon Tea	Saturday 25 th February 12.00pm – 2.00pm	60 + Years	Up to 25	- Youth and Community Co-ordinator/social media - Staff time - Crockery - Food £8.00 per person	- As part of the Council's aim to reduce loneliness and isolation, over 60s within the parish can attend this event for free. - Being at the weekend also gives people who work during the week the opportunity to attend, as many of our other events are during the week. - Advertising in notice boards, social media, sheltered housing notice boards, community bus and supermarket notice boards.
Over 60s/Memory Café Fish & Chips	Friday 3 rd March 2023 11.00am – 1.00pm	60 + Years/Memory Café attendees	Up to 25	Funded by Isolation and Loneliness (£7.00 per head)	Food provided as compensation for Christmas lunches at the Manor Farm
Easter Egg Hunt	Saturday 8 th April 2023 9.30am – 1.00pm	Up to 7 years	Up to 100 – 50 at each location	Funded by Isolation and Loneliness (£2.00 per head)	This event will be held over two locations, giving children from across the Parish chance to take part.