

Meeting	Community Development Committee
Date	Tuesday 4 th April 2023
Report Title	Youth and Community Report
Agenda Reference	7
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Recommendations

1. To note the report

Background

The Youth and Community Co Ordinator is working toward securing entertainment and food stalls for the Summer Spectacular event as well as looking at dates for the next quiz night, and a future Murder Mystery Evening to be held at the Haydon Wick Club.

The Springtime Stroll at Mouldon Hill on Sunday 26th March 2023 was a huge success and saw children from the Parish plant a tree on the edge of the glade in commemoration of the King's Coronation. This event has led to a competition for those who attended, designing a plaque saying, "This tree was planted in 2023 by the children of Haydon Wick Parish to commemorate the Coronation of King Charles". The attendees and their families all thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the 'Signs of Spring' scavenger hunt, playing pooh sticks in the River Ray, asking Neil from Wiltshire Wildlife Trust questions about the flora and fauna and jumping in huge puddles. A suggestion from Neil is to have a central hub for the next Mouldon Hill event, as a base where activities could be held.

Communications

The Youth and Community Co Ordinator has been working on the latest edition of the monthly news bulletin which is due to go out on Friday 31st March. This month's 'Do Not Miss' advertisement is for the Easter Egg hunt at the Voyager Drive and King George V play areas on Saturday 8th April. The top news headline will report on the Annual Parish Meeting and Community Networking Event, showcasing the prize giving of 2022/23 Haydon Wick Heroes.

Social media over the past month has been extremely busy, and therefore prioritising posts in line with imminent deadlines. If the Council's Facebook page becomes inundated, people will begin to lose interest in what is being advertised. Priorities for the coming weeks include:

- BEST Easter Events
- Annual Parish Meeting and Community Networking Event



- Elections
- Community Choices
- Easter Egg Hunts
- POST Projects

Upcoming Events/ Competitions

Event name	Date	Age	How many to attend	Cost	Notes
Springtime Stroll @ Mouldon Hill- with Purton Parish Council	Sunday 26 th March 10am – 11.30am	N/A	Not limited	• Youth and Community Co-ordinator/social media • Staff time • Paper for activity sheets	• This is being advertised in Haydon Wick and Purton on notice boards, and both Council's social media. • £1.00 to be donated per child to Wiltshire Wildlife Trust through Neil Pullen. • Winter Welly Walk focused on birds, so the springtime walk will focus on signs of spring (flowers, trees etc.)
Easter Egg Hunt	Saturday 8 th April 9.30 – 1.00pm	Under 7s	100 per location	• Youth and Community Co-ordinator/social media • Staff time • Chocolate Easter Eggs • Eggs to find	• One will be held at King George V Playing Field and the other at Voyager Drive Play Area. • Free to attend. • Easter Bunny will visit and do meet and greets with young people. • Ten golden eggs give the finder a bigger egg.
BEST – Be A Better You Easter	Thursday 6 th & 13 th April 1.45pm – 3.15pm	5-12 years	Up to 45	• 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 interested, therefore the cut off is 45 young people.
BEST – Be A Better You Easter	Thursday 6 th & 13 th April 3.30pm – 4.45pm	12-16 years	Up to 30	• Youth and Community Co-ordinator/social media • Staff time	• 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



Boxing Bootcamp				• BEST – Be A Better You (£100ph) • Haydon Centre sports hall hire	to give young people in the community the chance to try out this discipline free of charge. • 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.
Coronation Suncatcher Decorating Workshop	Saturday 22 nd April Time TBC	6-12 years	Up to 20 Children	• Youth and Community Co-ordinator/social media • Staff time • Materials - £65.90	• A craft workshop to begin the celebrations for the Kings Coronation on the 6th May. • Free for young people to attend with a responsible adult. • Each child can decorate two suncatchers, one to take home and one to keep at the Office to make a Coronation display.