

Meeting	Community Development Committee
Date	Tuesday 1 st November 2022
Report Title	Reducing Isolation and Loneliness
Agenda Reference	8
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Officer's Recommendations:

1. To note the report.

Background

At the September's Community Development Committee meeting (Min Ref CD 075) the Community Development Officer brought a list of events and projects for the Community Choices 2022 initiative – Loneliness/Isolation – to the value of £5,334.00.

The purpose of this report is to update on the progress on these projects and key dates that the Community Development Officer is working towards.

Recent Activities

Allstarz - Children's football skills and adults walking football

The children and adult football sessions were originally scheduled to run consecutively for 6 weeks at Trent Road. These were due to start 5th September 2022, but due to heavy rain on the day of the first session, and the Queen's death and subsequent period of national mourning, the initial session was delayed until 26th September 2022 – a revised invoice has been submitted for these. Allstarz confirmed that interest in the recent sessions had not been as successful as previously, and consequently they only held four primary football sessions. They reported that they had only had two people sign up for the secondary football sessions, and no one for the adults walking football sessions.

Exercise Classes – for the Over 40s

Due to the period of national mourning, these sessions were delayed until 19th October. Due to this delay the exercise instructor moved her class to the Haydon Wick Working Men's Club, as she was able to start the classes two weeks earlier at this venue.

Graffiti workshop and Connie the Covid Snake

The eight graffiti workshop sessions have now been completed, and the end designs were transferred to the legal graffiti wall at the skate park on Saturday 23rd October 2022. At the same time Connie was placed in her permanent home by local children and young people who turned up to set their pebbles into concrete.

Ukrainian Café

Dates for the first three cafés have been set up and advertised via Facebook and the Pattern Church. These will be held on 2nd November, 30th November and 7th December at the Council Offices from October providing refreshments only initially. Attendance will be monitored and if popular, further cafes will be held in the New Year.

Curry, Karaoke and Quiz

The curry, karaoke and quiz evening on Friday 7th October 2022 was fully subscribed, with 60 people attending the event. The evening started with the quiz, and in the interval the food



was supplied and served by Chaat Café, and very much appreciated by those in attendance. Although not everyone was confident enough to sing karaoke alone, the evening ended with a group sing along, which raised the spirits.

Working Towards

Event	Category	Date
Ukraine Café	Isolation	2nd November - 7th December 2022
Halloween	Youth	31st October 2022
Warm Rooms	Isolation	7th November - 31st March 2022
Over 60s Fish & Chips	Isolation	November 2022
Over 60s Christmas Lunch	Isolation	December 2022
Christmas Parcel Additions	Christmas Activities/ Isolation	16th & 17th December 2022
Christmas Party 5-7pm	Youth	19th December 2022
Christmas Presents	Isolation	21st December 2022
Friends of Mouldon Hill	Isolation	January – March 2023
BEST Martial Arts	Events	January 2023
Volunteer Thank You	Events	18th February 2023
BEST Youth	Youth	22 nd February 2023
Cream Team Over 60's	Isolation	24th February 2023
Prosecco & Paint	Isolation	Early Spring 2023
Park Yoga	Isolation	Early Spring 2023