

Meeting	Community Development Committee
Date	Tuesday 7th March 2023
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Recommendations:

1. To note the report.

Background:

The Children's' Clothes and Toys Sale saw lots of stall holders bring a huge variety of belongings to sell. Each stall holder said they with average sales of £15.00. This was the first event of this kind, and stall holders were extremely happy, and were pleased to hear that the money collected from paying for their stall at the event was going to the Swindon Food Collective. The Youth and Community Co Ordinator is researching other ways in which events like this can be advertised in the future.

Both 'BEST- Be A Better You' sessions were extremely successful. Over 55 attendees came along to the first session for 5-12 year olds, which was a record number for BEST. The second session was the first of its kind for the Council, as it focussed on activities for 13-18 year olds. BEST worked with eight young people, who enjoyed circuit training, football skills and boxing. The session culminated in a tug of war, young people versus adults (including Councillors, PCSOs and staff). It was thoroughly enjoyed by all, with the young people winning the best of three games. Having the PCSOs, Councillors and Staff join in with the sports and talk to the young people about violence and knife crime gave the session a really personal touch. Besides giving the young people the opportunity to share ideas, talk openly in a safe space about issues important to them within their community, and their thoughts about what they would like to see in future BEST sessions.

BEST have confirmed that over Easter they will be providing daily sessions for young people across Swindon in connection with the Safer Streets project. BEST will have very limited time available to work with parish councils but despite this, BEST has pencilled in time to provide activities for Haydon Wick Parish Council, as they feel our sessions are the most successful and they thoroughly enjoy working collaboratively with us.

Craig Hiscock, Operations Manager at BEST SAID: "Haydon Wick is certainly leading the way with youth engagement in Swindon".



Haydon Wick Skate Jam on Friday 17th February 2023.

The Community Development Team hosted the event in conjunction with the team from ATB Skate Shop. ATB provided the soundtrack and PA, snacks, and drinks, along with competitions including scooter limbo, 'Simon Says', and off-ground tig. Among the prizes handed out on the day were a skateboard deck, scooter wheels and grips, tech decks and scooter stunt pegs.

The popular event was attended by over 20 children and young people, and their parents. Feedback on the day and since, have been very positive and the young people want to see this happen again.

The Youth and Community Co Ordinator has recently completed an Alcohol and Substance Misuse Awareness training course. This will help to increase awareness of problems and situations that may affect young people in the Parish. Locally research is also taking place to identify any problem locations within the Parish, and the local help available (through organisations such as Turning Point, for example).

Over 60s Afternoon Tea on Saturday 25th February 2023 delivered as part of the Isolation and Loneliness programme was an enormous success. There was some excellent feedback:

- "How lucky we are to live in Haydon Wick"
- "I really hope we can do this again"
- "I can't believe this is free for us to attend, it feels so special"
- "I don't get to see many people, so being able to site here with these lovely people means so much to me".

Some of the attendees at this event rarely get the opportunity to sit and chat to other people, therefore providing this opportunity was vitally important to them. Staff chatting to residents at this event felt that it highlighted the positive impact the Isolation and Loneliness events have.

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	Saturday 8 th	Under	100 per	• Youth and Community	• One will be held at King George V Playing Field



Hunt	April 9.30 – 1.00pm	7s	location	Co Ordinator/social media • Staff time • Chocolate Easter Eggs • Eggs to find	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 Boxing Bootcamp	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 • BEST – Be A Better You (£100ph) • Haydon Centre sports hall hire	• 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. • 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.