

Meeting	Community Development Committee
Date	Tuesday 5 th September 2023
Report Title	Youth and Community Report
Agenda Reference	8
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Recommendations

1. To note the report

Background

The Council's youth summer programme with BEST – Be A Better You has come to an end and has already consistently attracted a high number of attendees for all the sessions. The Youth and Community Co Ordinator compiled a feedback form for parents/carers to complete regarding the summer programme. All feedback was very positive and shows there is a high demand for these events to continue through the school holidays.

The Teddy Bear Picnic held at King George V Playing Field received good interest, however, only one family out of the 24 people who signed up attended, which was very disappointing. The attendees did have a wonderful and thoroughly enjoyed talking about their soft toy and why they are their favourite, playing on the play equipment and taking part in a lucky dip to win a donated handmade bunny. This raises questions as to ways in which the Council offer bookings going forward to help keep interest in the events that residents have subscribed to.

ATB Skate Shop ran the Councils Skate Ramp-age on Friday 11th August. Feedback states this was the best skating event held at the Haydon Wick Skate Park to date. Lots of prizes were given away, a great turn out, free snacks and drinks available to attendees and a generally great time had by all who attended. The Council is in the process of booking another event with ATB Skate Shop, for the October Half Term (if dates are available). This will be purchased with the youth activities grant funding from Tesco's Bags for Help.

The Youth and Community Co Ordinator is signing up to the training course 'Autism Awareness' in the coming days to help expand her knowledge of how to be even more inclusive and understanding towards people with Special Educational Needs.



News Bulletin

The latest edition of the monthly news bulletin went out on Tuesday 29th August 2023 and includes our latest news and press releases, including:

- Grass Cutting, Hedges and Shrub Bed Maintenance Schedules.
- The Memory Café and over 60s 1950s Swing Tea Dance Update
- Advertising the upcoming Murder Mystery and Curry Evening.
- Statement from the Parish Council Chairman & Chief Officer regarding Football at Trent Road.
- Play Area Refurbishment at Trent Road.

Tangible Evidence

Every single feedback form completed showed that the sessions with BEST Be A Better You, increased amount of physical activity, increased positive mental health and wellbeing, assisted with learning new skills, team building and making new friends. The statement below shows how these sessions enrich people's lives and how the initiatives provided by the Parish Council support the youth and give them a sense of community and belonging. These events align to the community led plan in several ways, such as categories within the *Haydon Wick: Kind & Caring Place* category.

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and the team for putting this programme on over the summer holidays. Not only has the twins thoroughly enjoyed each session, but it has been a huge help for families like mine that can't afford to do enough to keep them occupied for six weeks!"

Upcoming Events/ Competitions

Event name	Date	Age	How many to attend	Cost	Notes
Superhero Fitness QR Code Trail	Summer Holidays (August)	All ages and Abilities	Unlimited	• Youth and Community Co-ordinator/social media • Staff time • Questr TBC	• Questr have now provided the signs with the QR Code so people can scan it and be directed to an exercise activity (varying difficulty and activity). • These signs will be placed at half of the play areas around the parish for children and young people to follow the trail through the summer holidays.
Over 60's Afternoon Tea	Saturday 9 th September 2023	60+ Years	30	• Youth and Community Co-ordinator/social media • Staff time • Food TBC	• As part of the Councils 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, supermarket notice boards and the Haydon Wick Living Magazine
Murder Mystery & Curry Evening	Friday 22 nd September 2022	No Restriction	60 max	- Youth and Community Co-ordinator/social media £1,115 food, venue hire, prizes etc. - Tickets will be £12 pp - Subsidy will be £515.00 max.	- Subsidised to reduce loneliness and isolation. - PADS to receive a donation for their murder mystery play.
Exercise classes for those with disabilities/ limited mobility	Mondays: 4 th , 11 th , 18 th , 25 th September 2 nd , 9 th October 2023	No age restriction	10	- Youth and Community Co-ordinator/social media - Staff time - Lin Jefferies £120	- This will be a 6-week introductory programme for people to take part in a half an hour exercise class with Lin, with limited mobility or wheelchair users. £6.00 per person for the whole programme (£1.00 per person per week) - Reducing Loneliness and Isolation.
Toddlers' Soft Play Visit to Jungle Kingdom	Monday 9 th October 2023	Under 4 years	14 people Max.	- Youth and Community Co-ordinator/social media - Staff time - Minibus-fuel (£0.95 per mile) - Tickets for Children and parents to use facility (TBC) - Refreshments and meal for attendees	- Previous event was very successful and sought after. The feedback suggested that having events for parents and toddlers is something that people are always looking for, due to struggling to take their children out with the increasing cost of living. - Reducing Loneliness and Isolation. - Free for attendees.
Halloween Pick Your Own Pumpkin Minibus trip	October / Exact date TBC	8+ years	12	- Youth and Community Co-ordinator/social media - Staff time - Tickets TBC	- Reducing Loneliness and Isolation - Free for attendees - We will ask for pictures of the young people's pumpkin carving to be sent to the Youth and Community Co Ordinator after the event.



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