

Meeting	Community Development Committee
Date	1 st September 2026
Report Title	CALM Fundraising
Agenda Reference	14a
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Officer's recommendation:

1. To note the report.

Progress

Since May, the Council has raised approximately £1,700.00 for Campaign Against Living Miserably. This has been bolstered by the superb efforts our local Ambassador Tracey and following attendance at local events, the summer spectacular and gifted Councillor allowances. The CALM Charity is ecstatic with the progress that the Council has made in such a short space of time.

Priority 1 Confirmed / Already Planned Activity

- **27 June – CALM Raffle, Shield & Dagger Pub**
 - **Activity:** Assist Tracey with raffle and networking
 - **Leads:** Leanne, Vinay, Chi Chi
- **3 July – Greenmeadow School Fete**
 - **Activity:** Guess the sweets in the jar
 - **Leads:** Sudha, Leigh, Nathan, John
- **3 July – Haydonleigh School Fete**
 - **Activity:** Penalty shootout
 - **Leads:** Leanne, Vinay, Nathan
- **17 July – Oakhurst School Fete**
 - **Activity:** Penalty shootout
 - **Leads:** Leanne, Vinay
- **26 July – Councillor Allowance Donation**
 - **Activity:** Donation of one full month's Councillor allowance towards hamper fillers, with the intention of increasing the value of the donation through matched/supporting contributions
 - **Leads:** Leanne, Vinay
- **26 July – Dog Show**
 - **Activity:** Community event support
 - **Leads:** Officers
- **8 August – Summer Event**
 - **Activity:** Hampers and raffle, sweet cones, glitter tattoos, stocks and penalty shoot-outs
 - **Lead/Partner:** CALM, with Jac Ireland collecting raffle prizes and working with Tracey on future hamper support
- **30th August – Taw Fest**
 - **Activity:** Selling sweet cones
 - **Lead/Partner:** CALM, Alex H, Jac I, Sudha

- **18 September – Curry Night**
- **26 September – EMR Scrap Metal Collection**
 - **Activity:** Scrap metal collection in partnership with EMR to generate funds for CALM
 - **Lead:** Leigh J, with volunteers
 - **Note:** Report to August Finance Committee
- **9/10 October – Chocolate Bingo**
 - **Activity:** Chocolate Bingo and fundraising evening at Shield & Dagger or Haydon Wick Club
 - **Leads:** Sudha, Office Team and Tracey/CALM
- **10 October – Cake Sales**
 - **Activity:** Supporting sales and baking
 - **Lead:** Cllr J Ireland
- **24 October – CALM Charity Walk**
- **30 October – Diwali Event**
- **February – Skittles Tournament**
 - **Activity:** Skittles tournament at Haydon Wick Club
 - **Leads:** CD Team

Note for Council: Although these are listed as planned/confirmed activities, the July–October period places a significant demand on the same pool of volunteers and officers. Capacity should therefore be monitored before adding further events to the programme.

There are plenty of good fundraising ideas, but the current programme is at risk of becoming too event-heavy, particularly from September through October. The recommendation should therefore be to prioritise a manageable number of high-value events, combine smaller fundraising activities with existing community events where possible, and avoid committing to additional standalone events until volunteer and officer capacity has been assessed.

Priority 2 – Deliver if volunteer capacity allows

- Curry & Quiz
- Chocolate Bingo (second near Easter)
- Darts
- Car Boot Sale

Priority 3 – Longer-term / future programme

- Fun Run
- Bollywood Night
- Padel tournament
- School sports tournament
- Movie Night
- Garden Dressing
- Lucky Stress Ball/tractor/hill event
- Bikeathon