

Community, Leisure & Recreation Committee

Date:	25 October 2016
Title:	Reports - External Organisations

Cuttle Brook Management Committee (Cllrs Jones & Stiles)*Science, Surveys and Developments*

Water sampling on a regular basis has continued, as has kick-sampling to use river fly larvae as indicators of water pollution. The pond is low again but it is two feet below the sedge beds and the culvert so it would be possible to redirect the flow to top it up. A new dipping platform will be built before the pond is brought back to a deeper level. The Environment Agency has examined the Cuttle Brook and given advice on flow management, weed clearance and bank profiling. A single stem of giant hogweed was found on the reserve and was removed before seeds were set. Small corrugated iron sheets have been laid at a number of locations to help monitor the reptiles

Community Involvement

New volunteers were found through summer events. A grant for 4 new notice boards has been applied for from the Co-Op. The new waste bins are being used a great deal to the extent that they may need much more frequent emptying and it has reduced the amount of dog waste/litter left in the reserve

Work parties Tools and Equipment

660+ volunteer hours were expended over the year. A new scythe bar cutter and trailer will be bought and a new storage system introduced at the existing unit

Finance

The reserves are sufficiently healthy to meet the current commitments.

Thame Carnival Committee (Cllr Emery)

The Street Party & Carnival date will be 10th June 2017 and the theme chosen is 1940s WWII. The two Charities chosen for 2017 are the Firefighters charity and Sobell House Hospice. There is a request from the Carnival Committee for additional councillors/volunteers to join them. Contact Cllr Linda Emery for more details. Date of next meeting: 8th December, 12 noon at Racquets Fitness Club.

Thame Football Partnership (Cllr Dyer)

Thame United have had a fantastic start to the season and are in third place in the Hellenic League after eleven games (7 wins, 4 draws).

Recent changes to the management structure have simplified matters with one Board, an Operations Committee, and a Football Committee, effectively merging the adult and junior sections

under a single structure and with the intention of gradually moving towards standard branding. End of year accounts were break-even after setting aside £12000.00 in depreciation allowances, and cash flow is currently positive with junior subscriptions coming in.

There have been recent issues with the floodlights, which have had to be sorted to comply with league regulations, and also to honour the terms of the ground share with Aylesbury United, but liability for repair is being negotiated with the contractor to minimise the cost. Bookings for the facility are very strong up to Christmas.

Twinning Association (Cllr Emery)

Three events have occurred in the last quarter. The trip to Montesson 16th-18th September, 21 travelled by coach and an additional 10 travelled independently. The Saturday trip was to the castle of Saint-Germain en Laye. The 15th Twinning Anniversary Dinner with British and German friends was held at Salle des Fêtes. Nicola Dixon attended as Deputy Mayor and opened the ceremonies. Don Butler gave the Twinning speech. Clare Bray from Lord Williams attended the Montesson trip on a fact finding mission to research possible future student exchanges. An afternoon tea fundraiser held in September raised £120. The Food Festival tombola held outside "Piece of Cake" raised £320, double the previous year.

Thame Good Neighbour Scheme (Cllr Midwinter)

Nothing additional received at 21/10/16.

Thame Town Cricket Club (Cllr Champken-Woods)

Very little extra to report as there is a full update later in the agenda. However I can now confirm that the grant of £250,000 has now been confirmed by SODC which leaves a projected shortfall of around £30,000. Further information contained in Agenda item 20.

Chinnor RFC (Cllrs Bretherton & Dixon)

Nothing additional received as at 21/10/16.

Music in the Park (Cllr Stiles)

Nothing additional received as at 21/10/16.

Red Kite Children's Centre (Cllrs Stiles & Wyse)

Report under item 8 of the agenda.

Thame Sinaia Friendship Association (Cllr Bretherton)

Nothing additional received as at 21/10/16.

Thame Museum Trust (Cllr Emery)

Finance:

Year to date Q2 income was £6166. We have achieved the annual budget for donations in the first six months. Expenditure is in line with budget.

Museum Development:

Planning application submitted 16th September.

Exhibition:

An exhibition of works of local artist Stanley Anderson, part of a major national exhibition marking 50 years since his death, ran from July 2nd - October 5th and was a huge success.

Policy & Procedures:

An application for renewal of the Museum Accreditation with the Arts Council was made on 14th July 2016; awaiting confirmation.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday 16th January 2017, 7.00pm at the Museum

Thame Remembers (Cllrs Bretherton and Dyer)

The project continues to make steady progress with 152 men commemorated to date, another 32 deliveries allocated to specific volunteers, and just 30 left as the outstanding challenge for the next two years. Inevitably these 30 are the most difficult to achieve so if any Councillor knows of anyone from Thame planning a trip to Iraq, Libya, Tunisia, Pakistan, or Egypt please do let us know.

Thame Remembers will again be mounting a display at the Memorial Gardens around Remembrance in November.

One very special wreath delivery has hopefully taken place this week which we will report on verbally at the CLR Meeting once we have confirmation that it was successfully carried out.

We are still open for bookings on our Battlefield Tour next May. A number of Councillors joined our previous tour in October 2015 and we hope that more of you will take the opportunity next year.

Towersey Festival (Cllrs Bretherton and Lambert)

Nothing additional received as at 21/10/16.