

Community, Leisure & Recreation Committee

Date:	8 July 2014
Title:	Music in the Park (MitP)
Purpose of the Report:	To agree operational donations and Elms Park Closure for 2015.
Contact Officer:	Cassie Pinnells, Community Services Manager

Background

1. Music in the Park held on Sunday 4 May 2014 saw over 5,000 people enjoyed the sunshine and a variety of entertainment organised by the volunteer committee.
2. Three stages provided continuous music and dancing from noon until 9pm. There was a mixture of school bands, tribute acts, dance troupes, a ukulele band and head line band Ska Souls. The Haddenham Hoofers performed at 'Ben's Busk Stop' for the first time.
3. A variety of food and stalls attended along with the Girl Guides Festival Café. Other activities included bouncy castles, disco dome, face painting and the children's creativity area provided by Barley Hill Church all of which complimented the music.
4. The MitP committee has grown in numbers, with members being allocated skill specific tasks enabling the future of the group to become independent from the Council.
5. Music in the Park 2015 date has been set for Sunday 3 May 2015 during the Bank Holiday weekend. The Committee is being asked to agree that Elms Park be closed to the public between 10am and 10pm on the Sunday so that Music in the Park 2015 can be held.
6. The MitP Committee has recommended (Appendix 1) that volunteers from Thame and District Lions Club, Cornerstone Church, Air Training Corps, Army Cadets, John Hampden School and Lord Williams's School all receive a monetary donation from the funds raised from the 2014 event as a 'Thank You' for undertaking operational requirements.

Resource Appraisal: See Appendix 2 attached to this report

Risk Assessment

Financial risks will be controlled by the MitP Committee event budgets, with expenditure agreed and minuted at MitP Committee meetings.

Legal Powers: Local Government Act 1972, s145

Recommended that:

- i) Donations totaling £800 as recommended in Appendix 1 by the MitP Committee are paid to the volunteer groups.***
- ii) Elms Park be closed to the public between the hours of 10am and 9.30pm on 3 May 2015 for Music in the Park 2015.***