

Community, Leisure & Recreation Committee

Date: 24 October 2017
Title: Report - External Organisations

Cuttle Brook Management Committee (Cllrs Jones & Stiles)

Since the last report the following have been achieved by the Cuttle Brook volunteers:

- Major work has been done to create fish spawning grounds (by giving the brook a gravel bed in places) and the fish refuge has been made in Nontron Meadow. Both were done with the consent of the Environment Agency and funded by s.106 money and Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment 2.
- Dog entry points have been made to try to stop riverbank erosion and the subsequent deposit of silt/mud into the brook.
- Clearing weed/rushes from the pond to create open water.
- Plans for a new dipping platform have been progressed.
- New noticeboards have been ordered and delivered.
- The usual litter picking, bin emptying, undergrowth management, water sampling and path clearing have been carried out.

Thame Carnival Committee (Cllr Emery)

First meeting for 2018 Carnival due to take place in January.

Thame Football Partnership (Cllr Dyer)

Following the ups and downs of recent years Thame Football Partnership have finally established the base for a more optimistic future. They achieved a small surplus for the financial year ending 31 July 2017 and have returned to a positive cash flow position. Bookings are strong for corporate Christmas events and the club is very close to finalising a lucrative facility hire agreement with a local business.

On the field, having been promoted to the Southern League, they are currently mid-table and confident of consolidating their position, whilst their return to the FA Trophy competition has started with a win in their first tie, progressing to entertain Wimborne Town at Meadow View Park on 28 October.

Twinning Association (Cllr Emery)

September visit to Montesson was a great success.

Record balance at bank.

Next visit from Montesson to Thame Christmas Market and Lights switch on.

Thame Good Neighbour Scheme (Cllr Midwinter)

Nothing additional received as at 18.10.17.

Thame Town Cricket Club (Cllr Champken-Woods)

Covered under item 7 of the main agenda.

Chinnor RFC (Cllrs Bretherton & Dixon)

Nothing additional received as at 18.10.17.

Music in the Park (Cllr Stiles)

Nothing additional received as at 18.10.17.

Thame Sinaia Friendship Association (Cllr Bretherton)

Nothing additional received as at 18.10.17.

Thame Museum Trust (Cllr Emery)

YTD Income half year in line with budget expectations.

YTD Expenditure is above budget but full year expectations will be in line with budget.

At the AGM it was agreed to only have one level of Membership i.e. £12.50 per year. This will come into force for the 2018 renewals and for new members from Jan 2018.

The new interactive interpretation of the Elizabethan Wall Paintings was unveiled on Saturday 16 September. The funding for this project came from a successful bid to Heritage Lottery Fund. The leaders for this project were Yvonne and Lindsey volunteers at the museum.

Winter Closure is from Monday 18 December 2017 to Monday 12 February 2018. Re-open on Tuesday 13 February 2018.

Thame Remembers (Cllrs Bretherton and Dyer)

Just over a year to go, around 85% of deliveries achieved to date, and now focussing on the remaining few. One of the more challenging locations has been completed in the last few weeks with a wreath placed at the Doiran Memorial in Thessalonika by Major Robert Bartlett, and plans are now being made for visits to Egypt (El Alamein and Suez) and to Gallipoli next Spring. A few, especially Iraq and Libya, are likely to prove impossible but plans have been made to deliver to appropriate alternative locations if necessary.

Destinations which we believe should still be achievable but for which we are seeking volunteers are Denmark, Israel (Jerusalem), Pakistan (Karachi), and Tunisia.

Work continues on compiling the book of the project, which we aim to publish late next year, and on preparations for a number of events in November 2018 to celebrate both the centenary of the Armistice and the successful conclusion of the Thame Remembers project.

Towersey Festival (Cllrs Bretherton and Lambert)

Nothing additional received as at 18.10.17.

Thame Town Music Festival (Cllr Wyse)

This year's Festival was a great success and attracted many people to visit the town. Thanks to all the organisers for all their hard work, here's hoping that next year's Festival will carry on the great vibes.

Thame Shed (Cllr Wyse)

A site meeting took place at the Rugby Club on 13th October to look at a possible site for the Shed on waste ground next to the Council Portacabins. The Working Group are trying to obtain permission from Thame Agricultural Association to use this site.