

Culture, Leisure & Recreation Committee

Date:	10 September 2013
Title:	Music in the Park (MitP)
Purpose of the Report:	Summary of the event this year.
Contact Officer:	Cassie Pinnells, Community Services Manager

Background

Music in the Park held on Sunday 12 May 2013 saw more than 1,900 people brave the weather conditions and attend the event. The volunteer committee worked hard to produce another variety packed event which has been built up over the past two years.

Three stages provided continuous music and dancing from noon until 9pm. There was a mixture of school bands, tribute acts, choirs, dance troupes, ukulele band and an appearance from Elvis. Due to the rain "Ben's Busk Stop" was not utilised and prevented the Haddenham Hoofers performance.

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.

The MitP Committee has recommended that the Volunteers from Thame and District Lions Club, Cornerstone Church, Army Cadets and the Air Training Corps receive a donation of £100 each from the money raised from the 2013 event as a "Thank you" for undertaking operational requirements.

Music in the Park 2014 date has been set for Sunday 4 May 2014 during the Bank holiday weekend, which is a week earlier than in previous years, as requested by the primary schools to assist with preparations for the SATs.

The Committee is being asked to agree that Elms Park be closed to the public between 10am and 9.30pm on Sunday so that Music in the Park 2014 can be held.

The MitP Committee has developed additional support for 2014 with a new volunteer taking over stall bookings. However, a dedicated site operations person for the event would strengthen the Committee further and minimise the Town Council involvement.

Risk Assessment:

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

Resource Appraisal: Appendix 1 attached to this report.

Legal Powers: Local Government Act 1972, s145

RECOMMENDATION:

The committee is asked:

- i) To agree the donations of £100 as recommended by the MitP Committee are paid to the volunteer groups.***
- ii) To agree that Elms Park can be closed to the public between the hours of 10am and 9.30pm on 4 May 2014 for Music in the Park 2014.***