

Community, Leisure & Recreation Committee

Title: Report - External Organisations**Date:** 26 October 2021**a) Cuttle Brook Management Committee (Cllr Jones)**

The paths have recovered remarkably well after their increased use during lockdown. The number of volunteers is holding up well and there is now a good turn-out on the monthly Wednesday sessions. Overall there is nothing further to add.

b) Friends of Elms Park (Cllr Champken-Woods)

Nothing received at 25/10/21

c) Thame Carnival Committee (Cllr Emery)

- Four-member team in place. Seeking more volunteers.
- The Queens Platinum Jubilee, 70 years, 1952 – 2022.
- Local schools notified. One school replied already to say they are excited to join in the celebrations.
- Three Charities nominated, Lord Williams Young Carers, Girl Guiding and Thame Senior Friendship Centre.

d) Thame Football Partnership (TFP) (Cllr Dyer)

Following a lengthy and wholly positive report to the last CLR meeting everything at TFP continues on a positive trend with membership, turnover, and profits all performing ahead of budget.

e) Twinning Association (Cllr Emery)

Reciprocal visits restart in 2022.

French visit May 2022. Funding in place.

f) Thame Good Neighbour Scheme (Cllr Midwinter)

Since August we have had 32 requests for assistance which have been mostly for transport to hospital appointments. We now have over 50 volunteers with another 4 awaiting DBS checks and have over 250 clients. Several of our volunteers have offered to help at the senior citizens tea party in December.

g) Thame Town Cricket Club (Cllr Champken-Woods)

Nothing received at 25/10/21

h) Chinnor RFC (Cllr Bretherton)

The Club is still recovering from the effects of the Covid lockdown but have managed to maintain their senior and womens teams together with boys age group teams and have successfully launched girls rugby this year.

The Senior team is Playing in National league 1 this year having gained promotion from League Two South 2018. The squad this year contains a higher number of local players than previous years. Their record so far is; played 6, won 3, drawn 1, lost 2.

The club are proud of their Food Delivery Project which began in February 2021 and involves supplying free meals to support local residents during the pandemic and beyond. Using their kitchen at Kingsey Road, they provide a nutritious, freshly prepared evening meal twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

i) Music in the Park (Cllr Jones)

This actually looks as if it will be able to go ahead next year and plans are progressing accordingly. The committee has worked hard to keep the event in people's minds with promotional videos on the internet and a banner at the food festival. Applications for licences etc are in hand.

j) Thame Sinaia Friendship Association (Cllr Bretherton)

The group continues to meet via Zoom so as to include Sinaia reps. NCW was re-elected as Chairman at the AGM. There are no plans for visits to or from Sinaia this year.

k) Thame Museum Trust (Cllrs Cowell & Emery)

- Starting a review of Policies
- Spring clean of storage areas, rubbish to be disposed of
- Looking to have outside storage area
- Looking for additional Trustee
- Roof repairs to commence on the 19th October
- Reviewing contactless donation boxes
- Financial status is acceptable, longer term outlook requires further work
- Build longer term financial plan for both revenue and costs 3 - 5 years out
- Accreditation due to be submitted after April 2022. Work in progress

l) Thame Town Music Festival (Cllr Wyse)

The organisers of Thame Town Music Festival have held their first music event since lockdown. The First Thursday Club event was at the Snooker Club on 7th October, the musicians played to a appreciative packed audience including myself.

m) Thame Shed (Cllr Wyse)

A security fence with gates has now been installed along the entrance to the shed.

The work on the shed is being stalled by the Thame and District Agricultural Association not signing a wayleave authorising letter which would allow UKPower to install a new power supply to the shed.

It would be appreciated if Ann Midwinter and David Bretherton could use their influence to encourage Andrew Duffy to sign the wayleave letter.

In the meantime the cost of construction materials have jumped which will mean that applications for more funding will be needed.

n) Thame Sports Club (Cllr Jones)

The committee held an open evening to thank all the people who helped fund, sponsor and build the new clubhouse which, even with Covid, came in pretty much on time and on budget. Both bowls and tennis are continuing to thrive and the club is now starting to encourage external groups to use this lovely new facility to increase the income stream.