
Policy & Resources Committee

Title: Report - External Organisations

Date: Tuesday 1 November 2022

a) Barns Centre (Cllrs Deacock and Dodds)

Nothing received at 31/10/2022

b) Citizens Advice (Cllr Austin)

There are no particular issues to report for Thame other than an expected increased demand, mainly around cost of living issues and energy crisis. Drop-in on Tuesdays is usually very busy, less so on Thursdays. There are two new advisers currently training. Also there is one paid adviser in place on a fixed term contract, funded by OCC as part of its response to the CoL crisis. Her focus will be debt and money advice.

c) Health Hub (including Community Hub Pilot) (Cllrs Champken-Woods and Richards)

Discussions between Thame Health Centre consortium (Rycote & Unity GP Practices) and Montpellier/Hallam Land are currently suspended as agreement could not be reached on a plan for a new Health Centre. Current space utilisation issues are so acute that practices are having to employ remote working solutions as not all staff can be accommodated in the Thame Health Centre building all of the time. The practices continue to explore options to acquire more space to provide services for a growing population. Ideally this would take the form of a new health centre but dialogue has also been opened with Buckinghamshire Healthcare Trust about the possibility of utilising premises on the existing Community Hospital site. BHT are currently undertaking a space utilisation review and a response is awaited.

d) NALC (Cllr Dyer)

Nothing to report.

e) Red Kite Family Centre (Cllr Emery)

Session attendance

Overall attendance has been at 102% of capacity. The Stay and Play sessions (2 in Thame and 1 in Chinnor) remain the most popular with attendance normally being over 100%. We are at around 50% of people booking in advance and 50% drop-ins since pandemic restrictions have lifted, hence the over subscription. We have yet to hit the same levels of attendance for the stay and plays that we had pre-covid but this appears to be welcomed by the families who do attend. In response to the cost-of-living crisis, we have opened up our lunch club to low-income families as well as young parents and now have now got a regular group of attendees. We regret that following the graduation of our 'Bump Café' attendees before summer, we have been unable to fill the group this term so we are re-looking at the viability of this service.

Community Engagement

We have started our Cinema sessions at the Players theatre again. Our first showing helped to raise just over £165 and we have another showing soon. We have taken part in the Thame Art Crawl this month where we hosted a pop-up marquee welcoming around 150 people with arts and crafts activities for all ages. Initial donations have raised £135 with further donations coming soon from the Silent Auction and Raffle. Over the summer, our Holiday Club helped to raise just under £750.

September Session Data:						
Sessions	Total number of slots available	Sum of Check-ins	%	Sum of No shows	%	Unused space
Stay & Play (Monday)	21	26	123.81%	2	9.52%	-5
Brilliant Babies (Monday)	15	12	80.00%	1	6.67%	3
Bump Café	6	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	6
Crawlers & Cruisers (Tuesday)	28	16	57.14%	2	7.14%	12
Brilliant Babies (Wednesday)	24	24	100.00%	2	8.33%	0
Stay & Play (Thursday)	40	60	150.00%	2	5.00%	-20
Stay & Play (Friday)	40	48	120.00%	3	7.50%	-8
Dad's club (Saturday)	12	5	41.67%	0	0.00%	7
Grand Total	186	191	102.69%	12	6.45%	-5
October Session data so far:						
Sessions	Total number of slots available	Sum of Check-ins	%	Sum of No shows	%	Unused space
Stay & Play (Monday)	21	28	133.33%	1	0.00%	-3
Brilliant Babies (Monday)	15	14	93.33%	1	0.00%	1
Bump Café	6	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	6
Crawlers & Cruisers (Tuesday)	21	10	47.62%	1	3.33%	11
Brilliant Babies (Wednesday)	12	11	91.67%	1	11.11%	1
Stay & Play (Thursday)	20	26	130.00%	2	8.33%	-6
Stay & Play (Friday)	10	10	100.00%	0	0.00%	0
Grand Total	153	157	102.61%	9	5.88%	10

f) Thame Business Forum (Cllr Dyer)

The next meeting is scheduled for 6th December, to receive a presentation and discuss the implications of the employment land review commissioned from Aecom, via Locality to inform TNP2.

g) Thame Senior Friendship Centre (Cllr Midwinter)

Unfortunately, we had to close the Thame Senior Friendship Centre for a few days because of Covid affecting the volunteers and we had to break the link. We had to give the room a deep clean. We are back to normal now.

There is a chance we may become a warm area as well to help with keeping heating bills down for those who need help. The Dementia Cafe will be moving to the Snooker Club on the 7th November

as we need a bigger room than the one we have in the Barns Centre as numbers are increasing for this activity and help.

h) Thame Youth Memorial Trust (Cllr Dyer)

A quiet summer with just normal ground maintenance activity and the only ongoing issue is with overhanging trees at the Elms, on which the Trust is continuing to progress TTC. Fortunately there have not been any new applications for engraving. The AGM, to be followed by a normal Trustees Meeting, is being held on 14 November.

i) Thame Youth Projects Group (Cllr Bretherton)

Nothing received at 31/10/2022

j) 21st Century Thame (Cllr Fickling)

21st Century Thame minutes – 11 October 2022

Thame Trees

Plans for some planting parties, on 23rd November 2022. The planting areas will be the Queen Elizabeth Circle at the park on the ring road and the triangle adjacent to the skate park.

We need assistance for the two years following the planting, for people to nurture, weed and water these trees, to ensure they become established. Especially if we have another dry summer. If you can help to nurture these trees, please contact trees@21stcenturythame.co.uk

Additional areas to be planted are:

- Thame Service Station will be receiving oak saplings and trees that have been nurtured over the last 12 months.
- Thame Cricket Club will be planting larger nurtured trees (5') that have been nurtured locally.
- Hamilton Road, 10 - 12 trees that have been purchased from a donation from Mr & Mrs Josey and Lucy Electric.

Thame Trees need a couple of people who are able to apply for grants and free trees, if this is something that is in your skill set, please get in touch with trees@21stcenturythame.co.uk

Thame Art Crawl

Started on Monday 10th October 2022. There are lots of exhibits, look out for the flags in Town. There is a Silent Auction, see the details [here](#). There are also raffle tickets available raising funds for the Red Kite Family Centre, you can buy them [here](#).

Repair Café

The next one is scheduled for 19th November from 2pm - 4pm at Racquets Fitness Centre.

Plan to have the carbon footprint reduction on the website, with an infographic to show the positive impact the cafe is having on the community, which will filter into the National info site.

If you would like to get involved as a "Fixer" please contact the Repair Café.

A Stitch in Thame

As the weather is getting cooler, A Stitch in Thame has a new project, to create draft excluders for the residents of Thame. Which are gaining in numbers.

These will be made out of re-purposed household textiles, to save them going to landfill.

If you would like to get involved in this project, or you would like to have an excluder, please message them via their Facebook page.

If you have made any excluders, please contact admin@21stcenturythame.co.uk and we will allocate them.

Thame Drive Electric

The event in the town centre a couple of weeks ago was a great success. 21st Century Thame support this Thame Green Living initiative.

If you are interested in getting involved in this project, please email Wendy Duckam.

Thame Carnival 2022

Donated £800 to three local charities:

- Lord Williams' Young Carers
- Thame Girl Guiding
- Thame Senior Friendship Centre

Thame Carnival 2023 will take place on Saturday 17th June 2023, if you would like your charity to be considered, please email Thame Carnival.

We are looking for a Project Manager for the Carnival, which will have an all inclusive theme of "No Theme" to encourage all businesses, streets and community groups to get involved and join the parade. If you would like to be involved, please sign up for the updates here.

General Information

- Environmental Forum - Wednesday 19th October 6pm - 8pm at the Town Hall. Becky Reid will be promoting green initiatives, including NetZero and aiding communication and the transfer of ideas.
- Thame Town Council and 21st Century Thame are working with a local sustainable printer to streamline the signage for all the fabulous events Thame holds. Keep a look out for these in the coming months!!
- There are some plans taking shape for the telephone box that is situated outside the Town Hall. We will keep you updated as these take shape.
- If any individuals or businesses are interested in sponsoring any of the events that Thame is famous for, this is another area that we are working together to have a more efficient and effective way of promotion and sponsorship. If you would like to know more, please email Becky for more details.

k) Welfare Trust (Cllr Champken-Woods)

Nothing to report.