

Neighbourhood Plan Continuity Committee

Date:	18 October 2022
Title:	TCWG: Market Town Co-Ordinator Update
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Purpose of Report

1. A final report from the Market Town Coordinator (now Environmental Project Officer) to present continuity proposals for work going forward now that the role has come to an end.

Update

2. **Town Centre vibrancy & vitality: Town Centre Working Group (TCWG)**
 - 2.1. This group met for the last time on Monday 3rd October 2022. From this point on the group will cease to exist. However, the work of its sub-groups continues so below is the proposal about how this work will be both managed and reported going forward.
3. **Partnership work with 21stCT & Thame Green Living**
 - 3.1. This work will continue under the responsibility of the Environmental Project Officer (EPO). Much of the work of the partnership is now focused around green initiatives, working in partnership with Thame Green Living, Thame COP and other groups. The events that have been run as part of 21st Century Thame will transition to enable the outcomes of the GLP to be achieved as follows:
 - Taste of Thame: with a focus add to help people understand how to reduce food waste
 - Thame Art Crawl: with a focus on using art to educate people about the GLP and recycling. As this event has only just finished for this year, there is still work to be done to scope this idea and make sure it is achievable. If not, steps will be taken to determine how and if to continue this event.
 - 3.2. Other work that is continuing is
 - Air Quality Monitoring. A meeting is being arranged with SODC to talk about next steps and how the section 106 monies relevant to Air Quality can be spent to best benefit Thame. This will lead to a proposed project that will be presented through the EPO reporting routes (yet to finalise what Committee this will report into, but likely to be P&E)
 - Scoping a 'Thame Green Badge' to get businesses, community groups and individuals involved in delivering GLP actions – some additional work has taken place on this, and the next step is to run some focus groups to determine if there is interest in the community.
 - Thame Outer Circuit and Thame Inner Circuit roundels continue to be progressed.
4. **Visitor Economy Working Group (VEWG)**
 - 4.1. Yet to determine how or if this group will continue. If it does it will either be run by the Communications & Event Officer, or taken on as a wider responsibility of TTC to set up and host a monthly charity/community groups networking event. Work to be done on this in November.
5. **Public Arts Working Group (PAWG)**
 - 5.1. Public Art is in fabrication stage, and assuming that we get an installation company confirmed, the Thame Meadows Trail (named 'The Peculiar Pot') should be installed this year. Once the date of install is confirmed we will work out a communication and launch plan

backwards from this. Work on the Lea Park element of the project is also well underway but needs a meeting of the PAWG to confirm designs.

- 5.2. The ending of the TCWG means the process will need to report elsewhere. The proposal from the TCWG is that the two councillors who are part of the TCWG (Cllr Fickling and Cllr Emery) join the Public Art Working Group so that the decision process is streamlined until the end of this round of funding. The EPO will continue to chair this group as it fits within the aims of the GLP. Approval for locations of art will then be submitted to the relevant working group. At present this is NPCC, but on reflection the TCWG think it may fit better with P&E. This proposal has been submitted to the Town Clerk for consideration as part of her review of Committees and their working groups.

6. Thame Markets

- 6.1. Markets will continue to be overseen by the Community Services Manager, with support from the Communication & Events Officer

7. Other MTCO work

- 7.1. The following will both be progressed within the remit of the EPO
 - New version of Leaflet No 6 (walking and cycling).
 - Thame Outer Circuit event idea – to be led by new Communications and Events officer

8. SODC

- 8.1. Work with SODC will continue, but with relevant elements being passed to relevant officers in the team as capacity allows. Being continued by the EPO are:
 - An Eco Business Fair continuing to be held in the Town Hall - 23rd February 2023

9. Statistics

- 9.1. These will be gathered elsewhere based on the KPIs developed by the Town Clerk

Action Required:

- To note the report