

Community, Leisure & Recreation Committee

Title: Coronation of His Majesty The King and Her Majesty The Queen Consort
Date: 7 February 2023
Contact Officer: Cassie Pinnells, Community Services Manager

Purpose of the Report

- To consider Thame Town Council’s involvement in the Coronation celebrations of His Majesty The King and Her Majesty The Queen Consort over the bank holiday weekend of the 6 - 8 May 2023.

Update

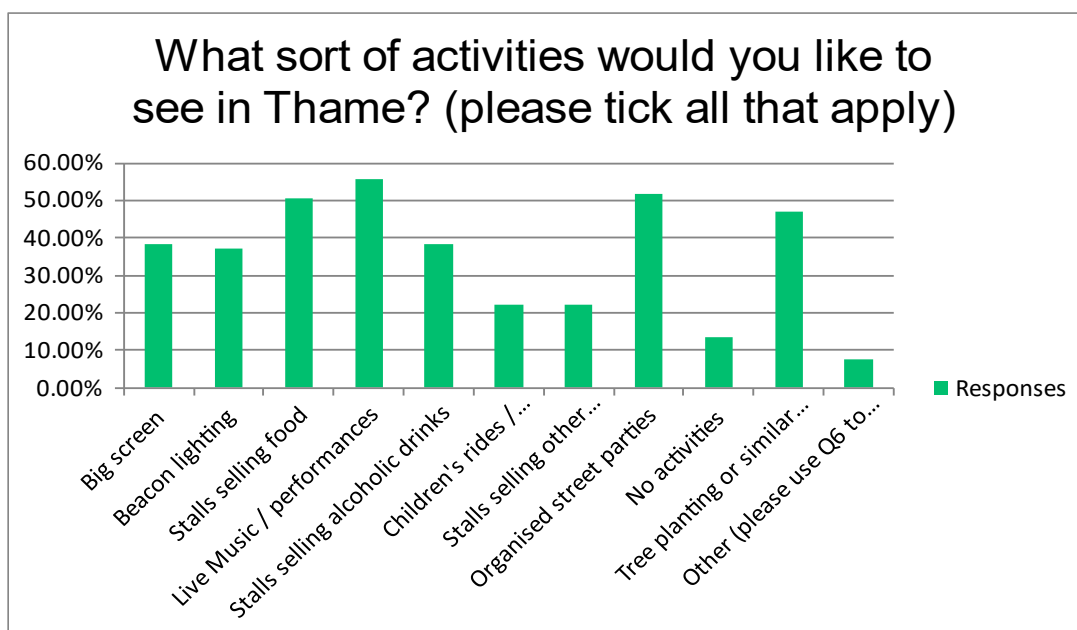
- Buckingham Palace has announced further details on the ceremonial, celebratory and community events that will take place over the Coronation weekend between 6 – 8 May 2023.
<https://www.royal.uk/coronation-weekend-plans-announced>

Saturday 6 May – Coronation service in Westminster Abbey, Coronation procession; Buckingham Palace balcony.

Sunday 7 May – Concert and lightshow at Windsor Castle, Coronation Big Lunch street parties.

Monday 8 May – Extra bank holiday, Big Help Out encouraging people to get involved in local volunteering.

- The Town Council has held a survey to find out how residents and community groups would like to commemorate the Coronations: 81 responses were received.



Response breakdown as follows: -

Live Music / performances	55.56%	45
Organised street parties	51.85%	42
Stalls selling food	50.62%	41
Tree planting or similar activity	46.91%	38
Stalls selling alcoholic drinks	38.27%	31
Big screen	38.27%	31
Beacon lighting	37.04%	30
Stalls selling other products / goods	22.22%	18
Children's rides / entertainment	22.22%	18
No activities	13.58%	11
Other (please use Q6 to add additional comments)	7.41%	6

Projects for consideration

- a) On Sunday 7 May 2023 between 2pm-6pm organise a street party in front of the town hall or on Southern Road Recreational Ground inviting the food stalls and entertainment. Subject to staff commitment.
- b) Encourage holding street parties and provide the advice for residents to celebrate with their neighbours as promoted for the Queens Platinum Jubilee.
- c) Planting of fruit or nut trees on Council sites subject to approval from the Open Spaces Working Group after seeking expert advice, location/s, and partnership working with the Thame Trees / Thame Green Living Plan who are already working on different areas within Thame. Or to assist with encouraging the community to take part with planting in their gardens.
- d) Plant one of the raised flower beds at the Memorial Gardens at a cost of £695, which would be delivered and planted on 5 June 2023 after the Coronation in May. The cost would be £695.00 + VAT.

Alternatively, both raised planters at the Memorial Gardens are planted with a red, white and blue flowering scheme created by the Operations Manager and Maintenance Team within planting budgets.
- e) Encourage all community groups to promote their activities on Monday 8 May 2023.



Resource Appraisal

- f) A budget of £5,000 has been approved by the Council.
- g) The planting scheme at the Memorial Gardens would be £695 +VAT for delivery and planting w/c 5 June 2023.

Action required:

- i) ***To consider Thame Town Council's involvement in the celebrations of His Majesty The King and Her Majesty The Queen Consort over the bank holiday weekend of the 6 – 8 May 2023.***