

Community, Leisure & Recreation Committee

Title: Report - External Organisations

Date: 4 April 2023

a) Cuttle Brook Management Committee (Cllr Jones)

Concerns have been raised by the public about the bridge on the Spring Path and about dog walking. The bridge is the responsibility of Oxfordshire highways and TTC is chasing. Better signage about keeping dogs on leads and the reasons – disturbance of ground nesting birds etc – might solve the latter. The ash trees around the Tip Wood and near Spring Path need monitoring for signs of ash die back disease.

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

Nothing to report.

c) Thame Carnival Committee (Cllr Emery)

This year's carnival does not have a "theme" so all parade entries can dress up, create a float or walk with a community group whatever costume or outfit you'd like. This is so that we hopefully make the parade bigger and better than it has been for the last few years.

- Stall bookings are increasing, details on how to book a stall, a place in the parade or to be a sponsor, please go to the website <https://thamecarnival.co.uk/>
- [Thame Round Table](#) will be running the bar again this year.
- Thame Town Council Maintenance Team have agreed to help on the Saturday morning.
- [Lightfoots Solicitors](#) are our first confirmed GOLD sponsor.
- [BP Collins](#); for becoming a GOLD Sponsor
- [Wild Glass Splash Backs](#) are sponsoring a barrel on the Bar.
- [Rubicon Drones](#) will be filming the parade and the Carnival fete.

Applied for councillor grant for Road Closure funding.

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

Unfortunately a Board meeting scheduled for 6 March had to be cancelled and has not yet been rearranged, so nothing new to report. However there is concern that, in common with everyone else, they have been seriously impacted by the increased energy prices and are likely to show a loss in the current financial year. Electricity costs exceeded £ 8800 in February alone!

e) Twinning Association (Cllr Emery)

Nothing to report. Next meeting to be confirmed for April 2023.

f) Thame Good Neighbour Scheme (Cllr Midwinter)

The Thame Good Neighbour Scheme celebrated its 8th birthday in March and on Friday 17 March the Town Council held a tea party for the volunteers at the Barns Centre. The event was attended by officers, councillors and the Town Clerk and was a wonderful opportunity to say 'thank you' to the volunteers and for them to meet up for a chat over a cup of tea and cake.

The TGNS now has over 300 clients and has received more than 1000 requests for help. Transport and befriending continue to be the most popular requests followed by prescription collection and help with shopping.

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

The Club is now gearing up for the new season and significant ground works have been completed to the square and the outfield to maintain and improve the playing surface at Church Meadow.

The proposal to install solar panels on the western roof of the pavilion is being finalised and sources of development finance are being pursued. It is hoped to undertake the works in the early summer.

The Club is actively recruiting players for all four Saturday league teams, the Sunday friendly side, and the women's XI, who have gained promotion to the top division of the Home Counties League. Pete Tervet is entering his first full season as Club Chairman and is prioritising the Club's junior coaching, facilities improvement and fund-raising activities. The Club is hosting two Oxfordshire Minor Counties games this summer, and on 12th July England over-60's will play Australia over-60's in the 'Silver Ashes' series at the ground.

h) Chinnor RFC (Cllr Bretherton)

I have not had any contact with Chinnor RFC this year.

i) Music in the Park (Cllr Jones)

Everything is in place for the next Music in the Park. Ticket sales will be starting in earnest soon at the market and outside the town hall.

j) Thame Sinaia Friendship Association (Cllr Bretherton)

Sinaia Friendship Association continues to meet every month, both remotely and in person. New members from Thame have given the association a boost. A Romanian Food Festival is being planned in the Town hall for the summer. This years visit to the Sinaia Forever festival in September is in the planning stage and we would be please to hear from any councillor who may wish to attend.

k) Thame Museum Trust (Cllrs Cowell & Emery)

The Museum is continuing to move forward.

- Approved budget for 23/24
- Work continues on a Marketing Plan
- Work continues on the resource and activity plan
- Grant from Robin Gibb Trust to purchase new cabinets
- A second Carousel has been donated and is currently at the Shed for refurbishment

l) Thame Shed (Cllr Wyse)

The Shed is going from strength to strength, projects are being taken on for local organisations at a very reasonable charge.

m) Thame Sports Club (Cllr Jones)

Both the bowls and tennis clubs continue to thrive. A successful quiz night was held last month which was well attended.