

**Community, Leisure & Recreation Committee**

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<b>Title:</b>	<b>Thame Art Crawl 2023</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>31 October 2023</b>
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	<b>Cassie Pinnells, Community Services Manager</b>

**Purpose of the Report**

1. To update the Committee about the recent Thame Art Crawl event, coordinated by the Community Services Manager, Communications and Events Officer and Volunteers.

**Update**

2. This was the seventh time the Thame Art Crawl has been running and as with all events, when a new event team take over there have been a few administrative requirements to learn.
3. Thame Art Crawl ran from 17 – 21 October 2023. The event works with 23+ businesses who all host a pop-up art exhibition in their windows – each featuring a different artist. This year new businesses - Greens, Petcare, the Practice and ZEN joined in as well as the Thame Library with the art promenade.
4. This year forty artists/groups that took part in the event by showcasing their work and providing an impressive town centre display. There were 21 new artists that joined in this year.
5. Thame Town Cricket Club hosted Sparks Artists tea party on Sunday 22 October 2023 to raise funds for the Red Kite Family Centre.
6. Operationally, thanks to the Communications and Events Officer who worked on producing the map, website, printing, social media campaign and dropping into the shops as well as communicating with Artists. Special thanks are deservedly given to the Artist liaison volunteer who worked with each Artist, working alongside with the Craft Fair organiser, and the venue volunteer who contacted the businesses to be part of the event. 21<sup>st</sup> Century Thame repair café came to the rescue by aiding the repair of the venue feather flags. A local website company enables the community website.
7. Thame Town Council are grateful of the support of our headline sponsor Lighfoots Solicitors as without which the event would not have been able to take place.

**Recommendation:*****The Committee is asked:***

- i) To note this report.***