

Report Statement

Report Purpose:

To update committee on progress and work associated with local service delivery.

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6.1 Events update

Park Fit

We are pleased to say that Park Fit will return to the park in June following Matthew Rigby completing a first aid at work course. This will be just in time for the summer months and we will also be able to look at the possibility of bringing pram fit back.

Queen's Jubilee celebrations

For the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations on the weekend of 4th June 2022, nationally, communities are being encouraged to share a picnic lunch with their neighbours. The events team have been working with a key location in each ward to try and bring a party to each area. St Michael's church are also going to hold an additional party for the town centre.

This is a big project to try and hold 8 parties on one day but good progress is being made. The aim is to hold one in each ward and we are working to try and ensure that can be achieved.

Currently, these are the parties going ahead:

South Ward – Party on Sunday 5th June, organised by Cre8, held at St Barnabas Church

Tytherington ward – Party on Sunday 5th June, organised by Tytherington Family Worship held at the same venue while also utilising the playing field. There are some details to be finalised before this party can be confirmed.

Central ward – Party on Sunday 5th June, organised by Roenaissance, held at Christchurch

West and Ivy ward – Party on Saturday 4th June, organised by Calvary Church, held at the same venue

East Ward – Party on Sunday 5th June, organised by St Paul's Church, held at the same venue

Hurdsfield Ward – Party on Sunday 5th June, organised by Green in the Corner, held on the green area outside of the café.

Additional party for the town centre – held on Saturday 4th June, organised by St Michaels, held at the same venue.

CORE in the Upton Ward will also be hosting a party. Details to be confirmed.

Upcoming event dates

Easter Bunny visit to the town centre – 16th April

The Easter Bunny is coming to the town centre to spread some seasonal cheer and also give out some chocolate eggs.

Eco update - 14th May

This will be a one hour session held at the town hall and will be an update on progress since the eco-summit which was held in May 2021.

Bikeathon - 14th May

This community event will be supported by the events team and delivered in partnership with Just Drop In and Allgood Cycling.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee – Town Centre trail and community picnics – Weekend beginning 3rd June

As detailed above, the plan is for there to be a community party picnic in each ward on the weekend of 4th June. Most parties will take place on the 5th June. This is in line with national celebration guidance encouraging local communities to spend a few hours together.

Macc-POW! Comic art festival – 2nd and 3rd July

The events team are working with local artist Marc Jackson to deliver this event which attracts people from all across the country to Macclesfield.

Macclesfield Pride - 9th July

Plans are underway for a pride parade and town centre event on this date.

Older persons Day - 1st October

This year, we plan to hold a face to face party to celebrate National Older Persons Day.

Nature Needs You Eco Summit - 8th October

The annual Welly Walk event will have a new twist this year as due to synergy with the eco-summit, the two events are being combined. Macctastic will lead on town centre educational talks in St Michael's church while the town council events officers (working with local groups) will lead on the family aspect of the eco summit in West Park.

Dates are set for the following:

- **Christmas light switch on – 26th November 2022**
- **Tree of Light - 8th December 2022**
- **Late night shopping – 15th December 2022**
- **Chinese New Year - 21st January 2023**

6.2 Christmas Lights

The Christmas lights tender for 2022 onwards for a period of 3 years was advertised from November with the deadline being the end of January. We received 7 submissions which were considered by the panel. The contract has been awarded to LITE.

6.3 Floral displays

The lead Ranger is working closely with Ansa on the floral displays and a clear plan of what Ansa have responsibility for and what the Town Rangers have responsibility for is in place. The summer bedding and hanging baskets will be planted at the beginning of June. Ansa will be watering the plants they have bedded this year.

Castle Street has benefited from new planters and plants from the welcome back fund, which the Town Rangers will maintain and look after.

The Britain in Bloom committee moves forwards with the plans for Macclesfield's entry, including the involvement of community groups and allotments, and plans to invite all local businesses to take part over the next weeks. A route is currently being planned and we aim for every group to be in the portfolio we give to the judges but cannot include all groups on the route.

We have recently been awarded a Civic Society Certificate of Celebration for the floral displays.

6.4 Public toilets

We are pleased that a bid to the national government submitted by CEC and match funded by MTC for a changing places toilet in the town centre has been successful. These facilities will be situated at the back of the indoor market, which would also be desirable position for all toilet facilities. Currently CEC are carrying out a consultation on the markets, and MTC have highlighted the need for public conveniences and the suitability of this venue.

6.5 Festoons

No issues to report

6.6 Jordangate tree lights

In November, we reported some of the tree lights on Jordan gate as being unlit. LITE attended site and repaired them as best as they could. The faults were due to growth of the trees and at the last services committee, it was resolved that funding was allocated to have the trees de-dressed, pruned and re-dressed.

When the ranger team went to prune the trees, on closer inspection, it appears that the trees are diseased, and the team recommended that the trees should be inspected before being re-dressed.

This issue has been referred to highways as they own the Jordangate trees. We have asked for them to be inspected and then to report back on their findings. This is being chased regularly as we hope to get the lights back on the trees as soon as possible.

6.7 Tunncliffe Trail

The Assistant Town Clerk has been working on trying to find out if an agreement had been reached on the ownership of the wall at the bus station. This has been in partnership with the Cultural Economy Team at Cheshire East Council.

I am pleased to say that the legal team at Cheshire East Council has advised that the boundary paperwork has been completed to transfer this to the landowner and is awaiting completion.

Still awaiting clarity on whether planning permission is required.

6.8 Barnaby Air

Please see attached report