

Report Statement

Report Purpose:

To update members on community engagement work

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7.1 Community Engagement Update

Working with the Communications Officer, we held a volunteering recruitment campaign during National Volunteers Week. This has been very successful with 10 application forms sent out already. 2 of these applicants have now been interviewed and we are in the process of collecting references.

Grant application enquiries have increased rapidly. For the most recent finance committee, we received 11 applications which is more than ever before. Some weren't eligible or needed adjustments so didn't go forward but there is a marked increase in the amount of interest in the grants. We now also ask all applicants to attend the finance committee meeting where their application will be considered. This is beneficial if there are any questions but has also started conversations between applicants themselves about joint projects.

We have hosted two work experience students over the past fortnight and been able to offer a wide range of experiences of a day in the life of a town council as well as supporting them to complete one project per week.

7.2 CVS Update

Please see attached report.

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