

## **Report Statement**

### **Report Purpose:**

To update members on community engagement work

### **Author:**

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### **5.1 Community Engagement Update**

We now have 11 volunteers registered with us who have helped out with recent events. We are also waiting for references for a new volunteer and will do a recruitment push in the new year.

Since 1<sup>st</sup> April, our volunteers have contributed 222 hours to the work of the town council. At a minimum wage rate of £10.42 an hour, this equates to £2,313.24. The volunteers are a fantastic addition to the team and now that our events are growing, their help is invaluable.

We continue to attend the food network meeting. At a previous meeting, a gap was identified in the collection of surplus food at weekends. Two organisations then pledged to work together to solve this issue as one has the volunteers and the other has the refrigerated storage space. This is a great example of the partnerships that have come out of the food network.

Cre8 ran a warm spaces project funded by the Town Council. At the last meeting, they mentioned that as a legacy from that trial, a cooking club has now been established.

The Assistant Town Clerk has met with the new Community Development Officer for Cheshire East Council to discuss how we can work together.

### **5.2 CVS Update**

Please see attached report.

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