



HAVERHILL
TOWN COUNCIL

Haverhill Town Council

Notes of a Meeting of Haverhill Town Council's **LEISURE & COMMUNITY WORKING PARTY**

Held remotely on Tuesday 4th July 2023 at 7.15pm

Present: Councillor J Burns (Chairman)
Councillor A Brown
Councillor Q Cox
Councillor P Firman
Councillor M Marks
Councillor M Martin
Councillor D Smith (Mayor)
Councillor L Smith

Apologies: Councillor P Hanlon
Councillor A Luccarini
Councillor D Page

In Attendance: Colin Poole, Town Clerk
Daniel Schumann, Creative Director
Jane Lomas, Council Administrator

2 members of the public joined the meeting.

Welcome:

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. To note that this Working Party has no delegated authority and may only make recommendations to Full Council. Urgent actions may be taken by the Clerk under delegated powers and reported to the next Full Council meeting. The Chairman advised that the meeting was being streamed live on the Council's YouTube channel.

MINUTES

LC23 **Apologies for Absence**
/039 The above apologies were noted.

LC23 **Declarations of Interest and requests for Dispensation**
/040 None.

LC23 **Minutes of the Last Meeting**
/041 It was proposed by Councillor L Smith, seconded by Councillor A Brown that the minutes of the meeting held 16th May 2023 be agreed as a true record.

RESOLVED

ACTION

LC23 /042 Actions arising from the minutes

LC23/031 On The Spot Van: the Clerk advised that an isolation switch has not been fitted. A trickle charge from a solar panel fitted in the cab is keeping the new battery fully charged.

LC23/03/a) The Creative Director advised that refurbishment of one of the Arts Centre dressing rooms is now almost complete with a few snagging issues to be addressed. Councillors were invited to view the dressing room at the end of the meeting.

LC23/033/c) Councillor J Burns reported that, despite several requests, he has not yet heard from West Suffolk Council regarding chemicals for the removal of Graffiti. He will follow this up again.

Cllr JB

LC23 /043 Public Forum

A member of the public explained that he is retired and offered to teach panel beating, welding and some car mechanics. The Clerk thanked him and asked to take his details to forward to Karen Chapple who runs the Youth Skills programme.

Clerk

LC23 /044 Reports from Officers (attached – Appendix 1)

a) Creative Director and Arts Centre Report

- Pantomime – update to the report. At the time of the meeting, 225 tickets have been sold following the mailout to local schools.
- Mutiny in Colour – Over 160 tickets have been sold. The exhibition is proving highly successful in Bury St Edmunds but in Newmarket ticket sales are not as good. Consideration is being made as to how to launch the exhibition in Haverhill to garner as much attention as possible.

b) Youth Skills Manager Report

The Chairman thanked Karen Chapple for all she does in finding jobs and training, and helping people with complex needs.

c) Zone Manager Report

- The Clerk reported that some outside activities are being planned for the summer holidays.
- Councillor Q Cox questioned the impact on the community if 1:1 counselling funding cannot be found.
- Councillor J Burns suggested that any Councillors who would like to understand the work that is carried out at The Zone may wish to visit and meet with Karen Chapple and Sandra Linnane. Councillor Q Cox and Councillor M Martin expressed an interest. Councillor Q Cox agreed to liaise with The Zone to arrange a date.

Cllr QC

d) Event Manager Report

Councillors expressed hope that the Graffiti Art Project planned for the Chalkstone Community Centre will be successful in deterring tagging and will find favour with the local residents.

LC23 /045 Grant Applications

The Working Party considered grant applications and agreed the following recommendations to Full Council:

Requesting Group	Purpose	Amount requested	Amount Awarded
Haverhill & District Twin Towns Association	Contribution towards hospitality costs for activities in 2023.	£1,200	£500 Councillor A Brown Councillor M Martin RESOLVED
Haverhill Towns-women's Guild	Contribution towards the cost of Harvest Lunch.	£88.50	£88.50 Councillor L Smith Councillor P Firman RESOLVED Caveat: Awarded funds to be spent this year.
Chalkstone Community Centre	Contribution towards a hearing loop system.	£1,096.21	£500 Councillor A Brown Councillor M Marks RESOLVED
Citizens Advice West Suffolk	Contribution towards providing energy advice.	£2,000	£Nil Councillor A Brown Councillor M Martin RESOLVED The meeting noted REACH provide this service.
Haverhill Silver Band	Contribution towards attending the Spring Festival in Blackpool in May 2023.	£824.82	£824.82 Councillor M Marks Councillor P Firman RESOLVED
Kedington Meadowlark Village Fete	Contribution towards subsidising the cost of commercial attractions at 2024 event.	£600	£Nil Councillor A Brown Councillor P Firman RESOLVED Outside of the parish and any benefit to Haverhill residents is incidental

LC23 /046 Grant Recipient Reports

None.

LC23 /047 Working Party Reports

a) Civic Events Working Party

The minutes of the meeting held the previous evening were projected on screen by the Clerk for Councillors.

It was proposed by Councillor M Marks, seconded by Councillor J Burns that the minutes of the meeting held 3rd July 2023 be agreed as a true record.

RESOLVED

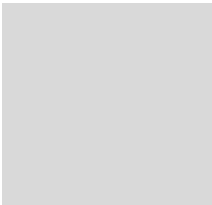
b) Community Events Working Party

It was proposed by Councillor L Smith, seconded by Councillor M Marks that the minutes of the meeting held 17th April 2023 be agreed as a true record.

RESOLVED

LC23 **Date of Next Meeting**
/047 Tuesday, 12th September 2023.

LC22 **Closure**
/023 The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8:33pm.



Signed
Chairman

Date

APPENDIX 1: Managers' Reports

a) Creative Director and Arts Centre

Box Office Update

Our recent sell out successes include:

- Rapunzel – The Summer Panto (2 Shows)
- Jo Brand
- An Evening with John Cleese

Shows that sold well (but didn't quite sell out) include:

- The D-Day Darlings
- Limehouse Lizzy
(although this was standing so capacity was 280 – we sold 220)
- Lesley Garrett

Cinema: Lack of product remains an issue with film. We did have a success with *The Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* which had 91 attendees over 2 screenings. Mario Brothers was also respectable at 44 attendees.

The Live Broadcasts are continuing to achieve respectable numbers. Success stories include:

Marriage of Figaro (48 attendees), *Good* (55 attendees) and *Sleeping Beauty* (41 attendees).

Our Dementia Screenings in partnership with The Terrific Tuesday Club continue to go well.

Developments of Note

The following are worth special mention...

- **BurySound**

Following the success of our first foray back into BurySound, we are working on a return in October. There seems to be a funding issue, so I am working with WSC Officers to resolve this as I believe it is important that Haverhill doesn't miss out.

- **The Swinging Cat Jazz Club**

Following its re-vamp and launch event, the second event with Ray Gelato also sold out. We are now running Swinging Cat Jam Evenings in a variety of local pubs once a month for local jazz musicians.

- **Haverhill Arts Centre Pantomime**

This is selling well with 87 seats sold already, compared with 51 at this point last year. We have started to assemble an excellent cast. A photo-shoot and video-shoot with the cast are booked for 21st July to enable us to collect a body of strong, classy and Haverhill specific assets to help with marketing (both print and social media). We have also created a personalized letter to all the local schools, which we will mailout.

- **National Rural Touring Dance Initiative**

HAC is one of only ten Associate Venues across the UK, we are also the only venue in the Eastern Region to become an 'Associate Venue'. The Guardian ran a nice story on this, and we have now programmed our first two dance shows as part of this partnership.

- **Mutiny in Colour Launch – National Horse Racing Museum**

I attended the launch on behalf of Haverhill Arts Centre and gave a short speech alongside a representative from each of the other two venues. The event was well attended, and some good connections were made.

- **Future Visual Arts Exhibitions**

To continue to make best use of The Studio, we will be hosting our first Hayward Touring exhibition - *Matisse: Drawing with Scissors* (21 October – 19 November 2023 in The Studio). This collection of 35 Matisse cut-out lithographs includes many of his iconic images such as The Snail and The Blue Nudes.

Future Programming and Brochures

The autumn brochure is now in the process of being designed. We aim to get this out in late August. Autumn Programme Highlights include:

- The Pantomime
- East 17
- The South (formally The Beautiful South)
- The Three Degrees
- The Mutiny Exhibition

Funding Applications

We were **successful** in obtaining £20,000 as a result of our application to the Police and Crime Commissioner Fund and West Suffolk Community Safety Partnership. This is for a variety of diversionary youth arts activities for hard-to-reach young people and young people at risk of offending.

We were **successful** in obtaining £12,370 from Haverhill Public Mental Health Programme (via Suffolk County Council and West Suffolk Council) for a variety of Arts and Wellbeing projects within The Arts Centre based on health needs identified in the last JSNA.

Arts Centre Development Project

Whitworth Architects are still working on this, more information will be provided to the Council once the work reaches a point that is developed enough to share. I have had an initial meeting with a Heritage Fund ROSS Consultant, which was positive and plan another meeting with The Heritage Fund as soon as we have more information.

Dressing Room Refurbishment

The entire project will be complete by the end of August. We have had lots of positive feedback from users about the first dressing room.

Daniel Schumann
July 2023

b) Youth Skills Manager

Youth Skills offer a full range of support provisions for local young people and families. Most of our work remains the same month-on-month, with adaptations to suit the needs of our clients.

- Offering a bespoke support service to our caseload of young people to ensure they reach their full potential. We supported over 200 clients last year- April 2022-April 2023
- Offering mentoring to our clients on a 1-2-1, setting goals and supporting them to reach their full potential.
- Guiding our clients in creating CVs and assisting them secure places in education, employment, and training opportunities. We offer job search, interview practice and preparation for work support.
- Providing an apprenticeship/employment matching service to match young people with businesses. Promoting the value of apprenticeships and connecting training providers to businesses and encouraging the uptake of government grants.
- Arranging and attending meetings with our partners throughout the town, district, and county; ensuring that our service is promoted, encouraging joined-up services and maintaining up-to-date knowledge of other services. Chairing the YAG 4 times a year.
- Collaborating with our partners to advocate for the improvement of existing youth services, including mental health, domestic abuse, school refusers; ensuring that those most difficult to reach have appropriate support.
- Working with training providers and organising them to deliver training in Haverhill. To ensure our young people have a local offer, who may otherwise be NEET.
- Maintaining a strong social media presence on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, to share relevant information with our 2,300 followers and the local community.
- Organising, planning, and providing Adult SignPost, Junior SignPost, SignPost Toddler 'n' Me, sourcing grants to provide money to enable these successful well-being projects to take place.
- Offering "Walk and Talk and Bee Happy" weekly, walking and an activity added on, promoting positive wellbeing in the fresh air and encouraging improved fitness levels, mobility, and general confidence.
- Offering life skills sessions out of the Leiston Community Kitchen- for young parents and young vulnerable people.
- Lead on securing funding and organising of the well-being hub. Weekly youth club/hub at the Zone for up to 25 attendees per session.
- Looking for gaps in service and trying to fill these gaps with new activities by pulling down suitable funding.

We strongly believe the right support at the right time can be life changing. We have proved this with many clients over the last 10 years.

May- June 2023 update

Well-Being Hub Funded by the National Lottery

Held once per week, Haverhill Youth Wellbeing Hub is a free youth club for 11–16-year-olds. It is staffed by youth workers and staff from the youth skills department. It offers a safe space for young people to relax, meet with friends, and take part in fun and interesting activities such as mindfulness, yoga, breathing exercises. This supports young people's wellbeing and development, encourages positive social interactions, and provides

opportunities for young people to receive advice and guidance from supportive adults, no matter what they are facing.

To date we have 798 cumulative attendances, with almost 150 individuals benefiting from this project. The existing (Lottery) funding will be spent by July 2023.

We are pleased to announce that we were successful in our application to Public Mental Health Programme and have secured £9780 which will allow the hub to continue for another calendar year.

Donate a Prom Outfit

To support families with the pressure of the cost-of-living crisis and promoting accessibility to entertainment, we come up with the idea of "Donate a Prom Outfit". We invited other organisations to become involved, namely Reach and Matilda Rose. Over, 200 clothing items were donated and over 20 families made use of this initiative. Matilda Rose wants to continue the initiative next year. We will step back but will offer support if required in the future.

Reach Uniform

We arranged with Reach to distribute uniform donations, from our sessions when working with young mums and families. Again, supporting recycling and the cost-of-living crisis. We also placed the items at the entrance to the Zone and families have started to benefit from these free items.

Walk Talk and Bee Happy

We applied for a grant of £5,800 from the Public Mental Health Programme for our "Walk Talk and Bee Happy". We are happy to announce we were successful and were granted the full amount.

We walk around 6,000 steps; on completion of our walk we have offered a session to enhance positive mood. We have offered yoga in the Bee Happy Room, art therapy, creative writing, meditation, breathing exercises and positive mindset training to name but a few. Clients have had 1-2-1 mentoring for one hour a week to enhance their chances of positive outcomes. We have been goal setting and investigating next steps at these appointments.

Toddler and Me Signpost

We are working with a new cohort of young parents who are benefiting from building their confidence and expanding their skills and making connections with other young parents. We have just started to team up with Coupals Court and are running structured sessions alongside play sessions, covering various topics, from parenting to positive mindset.

Adult Signpost

We have regularly met with our Adult Signpost clients and have been working on CV's and looking at skills and job searching. We have also had some fun, played mini golf and created mini art pieces for the art boxes linked to Mutiny in Colour. Positive relationships are being formed and our clients are meeting up outside of the group, which is pleasing to witness.

Junior Signpost

We have based this terms Junior Signpost sessions around the 'Mutiny of Colour" giving our clients a chance to express themselves creatively. Becky Baldwin is taking the sessions, each young person received a free art pack including a sketchbook, drawing, and painting materials. The sessions are raising self-esteem, improving well-being, and broadening horizons. We have enrolled 10 young people who seem to be enjoying the experience. We have run 4 out of 7 art-based sessions so far. The 8th session will be a visit to the Mutiny of Colour Exhibition.

School Engagement

Jobs Fair

We supported Castle Manors Job fair; we spoke to students discussed their skills and how these may link to career choices in the future. The students were chatty and impressively focused.

Transition Evening

We supported Castle Manor transition evening; this was for parents and year 10 students. We discussed the different pathways available to students after school year 11. We shared our apprenticeship project details.

Staff Training

Catherine Smith completed some Challenging Behaviour Training. This was to tie in with her well-being youth club work.

I completed some staff mental health training for managers delivered by the YMCA.

Meetings with partners to discuss pulling down funds for a joint project.

During our last YAG meeting, we asked partners if they would consider working together, and jointly applying for "The National Lottery Reaching Communities England" fund.

We have met with Saffron Carter from Reach and Abi Cartwright- Thomas from Abbeycroft Leisure and proposed a joint project that worked on a holistic approach to community well-being.

We discussed the following points.

- Creating a holistic pathway to support people in meeting their needs.
- Clients (referred from agencies?) can choose a pick and mix of activities. Consider using vouchers.
- Members of the community will be offered a cost-free, full package of activities. Taking place at various locations and at different times during the week. Physical wellbeing with physical exercise, mental health with mindfulness/art, learning and volunteering for social wellbeing, cooking for healthy diet.

- 5 Pillars of wellbeing to be matched to activities. 1. Be active/physical. 2 Take notice/mindfulness. 3 Community/connect to others. 4 Keep learning/qualifications. 5 Giving/volunteering.
- Volunteering at HTC Volunteer Centre, Reach and East Town Park.
- Learning such as first aid, food hygiene, cooking on a budget, community learning WSC
- 6-month pilot – aim if successful to start in January. Target 60 members of our community, each partner to have client base to look after, and a different arm of responsibility to oversee.

We will talk to our perspective line managers, from our different organisations to hopefully gain an agreement for us to work together on this idea. If agreed, we will use the upcoming events, to ask questions, give a voice to our community, and to gain ideas from any potential clients. We estimate we will need a grant of possibly £30,000 to work with 60 clients over 6 months.

Breakthrough Fund

We applied for a £5,000 grant from Suffolk Foundation Fund. We are pleased to announce were awarded £5,500. (£500 in addition for admin costs) This fund will help our clients to take positive next steps and break down any financial barriers that are obstructing their progress. We look forward to spending the money wisely, to make a difference to those that will benefit the most.

Update on Grants

Since October 2022 we have successfully gained £51,816.00 in grants. £22,546.00 of this was allocated to wage cost.

Description	22/23 Awarded	Wage Funded
Wellbeing Hub (Lottery)11/2022	£9,680.00	£4,680.00
Wellbeing Hub (Public Mental Health)6/2023	£8,300.00	£4,680.00
Community Chest (WSC) 2/2023	£11,620.00	£4,320.00
Signpost Covid Recovery (WSC)11/2022	£8,402.00	£5,702.40
Tackling Poverty/Food/Wellbeing (Public Mental Health) /2023	£2,514.00	£864.00
Walk, Talk and Bee Happy (Public Mental Health) 6/2023	£5,800.00	£1,800.00
Breakthrough (SCC)6/2023	£5,500.00	£500.00
Total:	£51,816.00	£22,546.40

Case Study Adult Signpost

Oct 2017, D's dad phoned us, his son had been to a residential school for autistic children. He was 18 years of age and had returned to Haverhill, after 5 years of living in Sussex. D had no friends, no confidence and was not leaving the house, he was extremely isolated.

Dec 2017, D started to attend adult signpost, he had a very hit-and-miss early attendance pattern. We had to regularly chase him and be resourceful in persuading him to return to our group sessions. He then befriended another client and we saw an increase in regular attendance. He shared that although he wanted to work, he never thought it would be possible. We worked on building his confidence and self-belief, we reassured him that with the right support and an employer that understood his traits, he would find work.

Feb 2018, we found a potential employer and they agreed to interview D. We shared D had autism, and that he may find the interview stressful. We waited hesitantly outside the premises, during his interview, and we were as happy as he was when he shared that he had been successful. We regularly messaged D in the early days of his employment to see how he was settling in. D reported back all was well.

June 2023, I bumped into D, who was excited to see me, he shared he had been employed for 5 years now and had worked through Covid and had been given some new responsibilities within his role. He was out with his work colleagues, and they were laughing and joking together. It was uplifting to see, that the work we had done had had long term positive results. D continually thanked me, and shared without our support he didn't feel he would ever have found work. It was good to reflect on how the extremely isolated teenager we had originally met up with, was now part of our working community and was enjoying life and all that it offered.

c) Zone Manager

Staffing – We are okay for staff at the moment. We are sorry to be saying goodbye to one of the team who will be missed. We wish her all the best for her job working with animals.

Training –Emergency Evacuation Training was carried out with staff who could attend. Staff who missed will be given another opportunity to do the training. Safer Food Better Business training continues to take place for kitchen staff. Food Allergy training/labelling is currently being updated. First Aid training for staff is booked for beginning of July. Two of us did Boccia training arranged by Leisure Centre, held in Newmarket. It is like bowls but is inclusive whatever the disability. We are hoping to get some funding to hold some sessions at The Zone with our SEND youth group.

The Zone – Parties at The Zone dipped slightly but are now picking up again. We have a couple of private bookings.

The Beaver and Scout group private hire went very well, and all enjoyed the sleep over.

Special Educational Needs Disabilities (SEND) group held every other Monday continues to be supported with not only our regulars but some new members that have joined the group. We receive good feedback from the group. We have funding to run this group till March 2024. Within this funding we offer a SEND Youth session in the school holidays.

We continue to work as Literacy Champions with Get Suffolk Reading and have met Amanda who has taken over from Suzzanne.

Toddler and Me (Signpost group) meet most Thursdays at The Zone and some of the members of the group now have the confidence to come down out of group. The small group on Tuesday mornings continues.

Zone customers as expected have dropped due to the economic problems and the very warm weather. We are no different to a lot of indoor play centres. We have some offers. After School Special. Half price entry 15.30 to 17.30. School days only. Share a book where children bring in their schoolbooks and reading logs. Staff share the book and record in the reading log and the child gets a free voucher to visit again.

Funding – Our funding for our 1 to 1 counselling is about to finish as we have not been able to find any more funding. We will continue to look. We are in the process of looking for funding for Boccia equipment.

Youth Work

Pride Alliance Group – Our youth workers continue to visit Castle Manor for an hour on a Wednesday to meet with Rebecca Neal and support staff with young people to discuss matters regarding LGQBT+.

July 27th Youth workers along with the police will deliver some sports thanks to Abby Croft Leisure who will allow us to use their football court for the day.

Detached – We aim to go out once or twice a week. Seeing familiar faces and meeting new ones. Building on relationships is key and the amount of engagement will depend on the young people out on any one session and whether they want to or have time to engage with us. We continue to work with the police, residents, and other professionals to enable us to provide the best service possible to the young people. During the summer holidays we will visit different green areas to play ball etc.

SEND Youth Night – These sessions are held during the holidays. They are well attended by parents, young people, and some older siblings. Parents are choosing not to bring the young children to enable the young people to have their time. We have also had some young people stay without their parents.

Wellbeing Youth Hub – Thursday evening. Funding has been successful to continue. Karen from Youth Skills will go into more detail on her report. Abby Croft Leisure continues to provide activities for the group along with some other outside agencies.

On Spot Van – Has been parking up at Tesco's carpark, due to difficulties getting onto the Market Square where the heavy tables are at one end and cars parking in the loading bays at the side. If we can get parked on the square and we are allowed to put some bollards on the road to enable us to have a clear exit, then we will do this. The van is also booked to support events in Haverhill. We will be at the Haverhill Show, Big Day Out, Clements and Chalkstone Fun Days, Picnic in the Park. During the Summer holidays we will visit the Skate Park for make your own lunch.

Art Project - We are waiting to hear if funding has been successful to work with young people ages 12-18 to create community artwork this summer in the Chalkstone area. Youth workers will be working with Haverhill Town Council the police, young people, members of the Community Centre, artists to produce some artwork on the Chalkstone Community Centre as they have been experiencing negative graffiti.

Thank you for your continued support. Sandra Linnane

d) Project Manager

Mutiny in Colour

- Sales picking up. Newmarket and BSE both saw considerable spike post-opening
- The exhibition has had extensive national and regional media coverage including
 - The Sun
 - The Guardian
 - The Mail on Sunday
 - The Times
 - Look East
 - Velvet Magazine
 - EADT Suffolk Magazine
 - Group Travel World
 - BBC Suffolk
 - Radio Suffolk
 - Suffolk News Takeover
- x2 professional display cabinets for the exhibition (and beyond) acquired from Duxford IWM
- x8 free workshops taking place at HAC and the fun days in town throughout summer.
- Have the potential to display over 130 pieces of artwork and aim to 'lean into' our 'outsider' status by using the tech team to install dramatic lighting, smoke and props.

Graffiti Art Project

As referenced by Dan Schumann we have received funds from the Police Commissioner Fund for the anti-knife crime project. My aim is to get the graffiti side of the project going this summer so that it ties in with Mutiny in Colour. Chalkstone Community Centre have agreed to use their building as the location for the mural/graffiti. See attached. Due to its location and architecture it will have great impact. Will partner internally with Sandra Linnane and Karen Chapple, plus Suffolk Police and other agencies to reach those who will benefit most.

Wellbeing Project

As referenced by DS. All artists booked for the Saturday art workshops in coffee bar. There are six in total starting from October ½ term

Armed Forces Day

The day went well. The convoy and its stewarding went without a hitch due to the planning of JB and GW. Some reported that fewer people than in previous years came out to wave the convoy on. The activities on the Market Square were popular and the layout worked to create cohesion and atmosphere.

The Big Day Out, Wednesday 26 July

- 12 fun attractions booked with something for both younger children and 10-14s
- 13 stalls booked
- 4 food trucks sweet and savoury
- Staffing – need at least 3 more staff/volunteers
- Budget: under
- Notes: Hasn't been easy to get organisations to attend. Some bookers from previous years are now defunct, other organisations are saying that they can't get staff because it is a weekday and/or that they can't do all our fun days in such quick succession. Theme idea

abandoned as it was too restrictive on the attractions that can be booked.

Clements, Friday 28 July

- Fewer organisation and stalls booked than for Chalkstone plus a few supplementary from HTC including inflatables, Mutiny in Colour workshop and creepy crawlies demo
- Staffing: OK
- Budget: under
- Notes: smaller event than Chalkstone which doesn't get any passing trade from Tesco / Railway walk. Helen Cullup will not be around to organise the event next year.

Picnic in Park, Tuesday 1 August

- 10 attractions booked (Junk percussion, theatre performance, facepainting and crafts etc)
- Staffing: need at least 3 more staff/volunteers
- Budget: on
- Notes: Wednesday is the East Town Park volunteer day so in future years it would be preferable to have Picnic on The Park on a Wednesday

Chalkstone Fun Day, Wednesday 2 August

- Lots of organisation booked through Jacqueline Lowry plus a few supplementary from HTC including inflatables and a Mutiny in Colour workshop
- Staffing: OK
- Budget: under
- Notes: minimal involvement needed from HTC

Haverhill in Park, 18 – 20 August

- Steve Marsh progressing well on musical programme.
- Craft activities including Mutiny in Colour workshop booked.
- Marketing: Steve Marsh and Al Lockhart Morley will lead
- Staffing: extra staff / volunteers will be needed
- Budget: on
- Notes: more info to come

Halloween, Friday 27 October

- Initial discussions with another event organiser have come to nothing and therefore another agency has been approached.
- Staffing: Additional staff / volunteers always needed
- Budget: nothing spent
- Local artist approached to provide scary props

Christmas, Saturday 2 October

- Propose a Victorian theme with HTC activities to take place on Market Square and Queen Street leaving High Street for the Makers Market and regular traders
- Coronation St actor appearing in panto approached to switch on
- A couple of stalls already booked.

Sara Marsh, 29 June 2023



Street Art Project

The River of Life Church based at Chalkstone Community Centre is right behind the street art project. Our side of the Chalkstone Estate can look a little bleak when the sun goes in. We suffer from small acts of vandalism and graffiti which does make the area look less appealing. We often have young people hanging about with little to do. The Street Art project will give them a chance to make a positive change in their community, brighten up the neighbourhood and let them express their creative imagination in a channelled and constructive way. We hope that they will be able to be proud of their work and gain a feeling of achievement and learn new skills. All of our children have talents and we need to find imaginative ways to unlock their potential.

Our trustees have given their backing to the project with the proviso that the upkeep and maintenance would not be a River of Life responsibility.