



HAVERHILL
TOWN COUNCIL

Haverhill Town Council

Notes of a Meeting of Haverhill Town Council's

LEISURE & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Held at Haverhill Arts Centre on Tuesday 14th November 2023 at 7.00pm

Present: Mayor D Smith
Councillor J Burns (Chair)
Councillor A Brown
Councillor P Firman
Councillor P Hanlon
Councillor A Luccarini
Councillor D Page

Apologies: Councillor Q Cox
Councillor M Marks
Councillor L Smith

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

4 representatives of the Haverhill Show committee 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

/063 The above apologies were noted.

LC23 Declarations of Interest and requests for Dispensation

/064 None.

LC23 Minutes of the Last Meeting

/065 It was proposed by Councillor A Brown, seconded by Councillor D Smith, that the minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 12th September 2023 be agreed as a true record.

RESOLVED

ACTION

LC23 Actions Arising from the Minutes

/066 LC23/051 The Town Clerk has had discussions with Community Action Suffolk, but there is no scope to retain funding. HTC has been invoiced and all moneys held have been returned.

LC23 Public Forum

/067 The Haverhill Show: Councillor J Mason and Ms K Bennet, Treasurer spoke in support of their grant application for The Haverhill Show and answered questions from Councillors: There is no matched funding, however income last year included sponsorship of £1,500. Car boot sales and show trader's pitch fees generate income. A grant from HTC ensures that the car boot sales and Haverhill Santa can go ahead. Last December £4,500 was raised for two local charities.

The Treasurer thanked Councillors for all their support.

Councillors thanked the Haverhill Show for a great day that was greatly appreciated by the community.

LC23 Grant Applications

/068

Requesting Group	Purpose	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded
Haverhill Show	Towards the annual show along with 4 community boot sales.	£2,000	£2,000 Councillor A Brown Councillor D Smith RESOLVED
The Voluntary Network	Towards providing community transport.	£2,000	Nil Councillor D Page Councillor P Hanlon RESOLVED To be deferred and considered once further information is received.

Town Clerk

LC23 Reports from Officers (attached – Appendix 1)

/069 a) Creative Director and Arts Centre Report

The Creative Director highlighted some points in his report:

- i. Postcode analysis – in order to show a more meaningful illustration, statistics would need to be examined in 2018/19 (pre-covid).
- ii. Knife Crime Project – going very well. The target of attracting nine schools has been far exceeded as, to date, fourteen schools have confirmed.
- iii. Haverhill Arts Centre Pantomime – since the report, £26,000 of tickets has been achieved.

As this year the pantomime is being produced ourselves, DS thought it fitting to hold a gala night for the first performance. The invitations have proved popular and the number of RSVP acceptances is high.

In previous years HTC has sponsored a number of free tickets to be distributed within the community. Councillors discussed that last year a number of REACH recipients failed to attend and use their complimentary tickets. The idea of a voucher scheme was discussed – recipients would need to exchange a voucher for a ticket.

It was proposed by Councillor A Luccarini, seconded by Councillor P Hanlon, that Haverhill Town Council sponsor complimentary tickets up to a value of £800.

RESOLVED

b) Youth Skills Manager Report

Councillors agreed this is a positive report and the case studies are particularly inspiring. Councillors thanked Karen Chapple for her hard work.

c) Zone Manager Report

Work is being carried to update the outside signage on the building to make it more appealing to children. Councillors thanked Sandra Linanne for her report and hard work.

d) Event Manager Report

Councillors agreed that the Remembrance Parade was a success. There was a large attendance by the public. The video came out well. Marshalls did a good job, and the new parts that were introduced worked well. It was felt that there was a risk of tripping over the cable during the wreath-laying. Solutions will be explored for next year's event.

Christmas event – Scott Wright (actor) will be at the switch-on of the lights. Anyone who is interested in volunteering should contact Sara Marshall.

LC23 Grant Recipient Reports (attached - Appendix 2)

/070 a) Explore Outdoors – Councillors agreed it was good to see that attendance at events was much better. Councillors thanked Explore Outdoors for their report, which was nicely laid out with photographs.

b) Haverhill Show – Councillor Mason clarified that the Haverhill Show Committee, as a group, examines every application against funds they have available. Where possible, local charities are supported and the Committee tries to award the full amounts requested.

LC23 Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme

/071 It was proposed by Councillor A Brown, seconded by Councillor D Smith, to support the principle of 100% relief for the Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme, and to ask that the cost of this relief is shared equally across the whole district and not borne disproportionately by the very communities the scheme is intended to support.

RESOLVED

LC23 Working Party Reports

/072 a) Civic Events Working Party

It was proposed by Councillor P Hanlon, seconded by Councillor A Luccarini, that the minutes of the meeting held 2nd October, 2023 be agreed as a true record.

RESOLVED

CLERK

b) Community Events Working Party

It was proposed by Councillor A Luccarini, seconded by Councillor D Page, that the minutes of the meeting held 10th October 2023 be agreed as a true record.

RESOLVED

LC23 **Date of Next Meeting**
/073 Monday, 8th January 2024

LC23 **Exclusion of the Press and Public**
/074 To resolve that under Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted – HR matters.

Proposed by Councillor P Hanlon, seconded by Councillor D Smith.

RESOLVED

LC23 **HR Matters**
/075 The Town Clerk informed the meeting that insurances are due to expire on Monday, 20th November 2023 with renewal due the following day. HTC’s current insurer, Royal Sun Alliance (RSA) has left the market, our broker with only one company on their list insuring parish councils, Aviva.

Aviva will not extend their cover to The Zone soft play activities or the Christmas event. David Miller Insurance Brokers have been approached as specialist indoor soft-play insurance brokers to cover the soft play, and an events insurer for 2nd December. The Town Clerk is trying to reverse Aviva’s additional exclusions in respect of youth services. However, it is to be noted that total insurance cover for 2023/24 will far exceed last year’s costs.

LC23 **Closure**
/076 The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8:17pm.

CLERK

Signed
Chairman

Date

APPENDIX 1 – Managers’ Reports
APPENDIX 2 – Grant Recipients’ Reports

APPENDIX 1 – MANAGERS’ REPORTS

8a Creative Director and Arts Centre Report

Box Office Update

Since we played host to The Mutiny in Colour, The Arts Centre has exploded back into a wide variety of live shows and activities. Notable shows have included:

- Abba Sensation – Sold Out
- Ed Sheeran – Sold Out
- Rock for Heroes – Sold Out
- Hocus Panto – Sold Out
- Bubble Man – Sold Out
- The South – Over 80% Full

Future Sales - *Mark Watson, The Everly Brothers Tribute Show and Hello Again Neil Diamond* have all made a particularly healthy start.

The Arts Centre team also worked on:

- The Halloween Trail
- Remembrance Parade

Cinema: NT Live, Exhibition on Screen and ROH Live remain popular. We did really well with The Great Escaper and A Haunting in Venice.

Our Dementia Screenings in partnership with The Terrific Tuesday Club continue to go well. I have managed to obtain some funding to help with these for the next few months.

Postcode Analysis

Our system shows that sales in the last 12 months breakdown as:

Nov 2022 – Nov 2023

CB9	£161,321.35	56.1% (increased since 2018/2019)
CO10	£20,303.30	7.1% (decreased since 2018/2019)
CB21	£20,197.50	7.0% (increased since 2018/2019)
CO9	£14,009.45	4.9% (increased since 2018/2019)
No Postcode	£11,866.00	4.1% (decreased since 2018/2019)
CB8	£8,257.50	2.9% (decreased since 2018/2019)
CB11	£5,037.89	1.8% (increased since 2018/2019)

Developments of Note

The following are worth special mention...

- **Haverhill Arts Centre Pantomime**

All is going well, and we will shortly be starting rehearsals. Invitations have been sent out to our special opening night performance. We have sourced all our own merchandise this year and ensured that it is all recyclable. Thanks to Get Haverhill Reading and Cllr Burns for supporting the Goodie Bags. Sales are strong, below is a comparison between 2022 and 2023 (please note this does not include reservations):

- 2022 £17,085
- 2023 £19,099 (with reservations we are at £28,822)

Our Panto star (Scott Wright) has agreed to come to the Christmas Lights Switch On.

- **Hayward Touring Exhibition**

We are hosting a touring Matisse Exhibition from The Hayward Gallery (South Bank Centre). This has been very popular and is another high-profile addition to our programme.

- **Barclays at HAC**

Barclays are now successfully operating an advisory face-to-face service from The Arts Centre.

- **Haverhill Music Hub**

We have started to host a school holiday Rock School in partnership with Haverhill Music Hub. The first one was very successful and sold out, and another is planned for December.

- **Disability Ramp**

Due to increased demand for stage access for disabled performers, we have worked with the Haverhill Disability Action Group to come up with a temporary solution to make the stage accessible. This has been trialed and will be used for the first time by Haverhill Silver Band at the end of November.

Public Mental Health Programme

We have now launched DANCE YOURSELF FIT (a dance project for older people) with a sold-out taster session.

DANCE YOURSELF HEALTHY (a dance project for young people) is booked for February half term.

Both will be delivered at HAC in partnership with DANCE EAST.

The Haverhill Creative Café has now started – providing free creative arts and crafts activities each Saturday morning in our Coffee bar. **Knife Crime Project**

Haverhill's own Knife Crime play is now booked for a weeklong run at The Arts Centre w/c 10th June 2024. So far, we have 14 schools confirmed and 2 further reservations. This represents 1,215 young people.

Science Festival

I have managed to secure Professor Lord Robert Winston to appear at The Arts Centre for the Haverhill Science Festival.

Arts Centre Repairs

We have carried out repairs to the heating system and the lift since our last meeting. We have also carried out some minor improvements to the toilets.

**Daniel
Schumann
November
2023**

8b – 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.

September/October 2023 update

We have again struggled with staffing levels due to long term staff sickness and annual leave. We have worked smartly and continued to offer the best service under the circumstances.

Well-Being Hub 11-16 years

The Public Mental Health Programme funding of £9,780 has ensured that we can continue with weekly sessions of youth wellbeing. Offering support, a listening ear, and encouraging personal growth amongst attendees. Watching relationships develop amongst those that normally struggle to form friendships, has been inspiring to witness. We have £3,600 grant remaining, this will last until April 2024 at current spending rate. We will listen to those that

attend the hub and give them a voice for any future plans regarding this offer. We will need to start to consider grant applications if this popular offer is going to be continued.

Walk Talk and Breathe

We currently have 8-10 regular walkers attending these sessions. Relationships are formed, we listen to our clients and build our offer around their needs and ideas. Our current offer is a walk followed by a 2-hour mindfulness session in the bee happy room at the Zone. This public health funding should last us until April 24. We will again need to look for a funding source if this offer is to continue.

1-2-1 Sessions

We have supported young people that are nearly job ready to apply for jobs/apprenticeships and have aided them to compile CV's. We have carried out some interview practice workshops and linked up with local recruitment agencies to ensure successes.

Toddler and Me Signpost

We are engaging with young parents at the Zone and encouraging them to learn new skills, parents are forming friendships within the group and learning from each other. We discuss parenting topics and look at strategies for managing behaviour. Children play together, parents chat together, and each session has an aim outlined.

Adult Signpost

Our clients are 6 weeks into our current course, our sessions have included playing boccia, a soup kitchen challenge, taking part in xheight indoor climbing walls at Abbeycroft Leisure, roller skating, playing mini golf, attending West Suffolk College in Haverhill to enrol on IT and English functional skills courses.

We have 12 young people sign up, these are our hard-to-reach clients, who on joining have low confidence and are socially isolated (not engaging in any activity on sign up). We have added value to our adult signpost course by encouraging them to add work, training, or volunteering to their weekly engagement.

See below for an update on student steps so far,

- Student 1 has with our support enrolled on English with WSC in Haverhill, now works parttime helping partner with gardening jobs.
- Student 2 has with our support enrolled on English with WSC in Haverhill, now works part time on gardening jobs.
- Student 3 has with our support enrolled on English/ICT with WSC in Haverhill and volunteers for history group.
- Student 5 has with our support enrolled on English with WSC in Haverhill and is volunteering at Haverhill Rovers.
- Student 6 has with our support enrolled on English with WSC in Haverhill is working part time at a local café.
- Student 7 has with our support enrolled on English with WSC in Haverhill, now working on a Saturday in a local hairdressers.
- Students 8,9,10 with our support enrolled on English with WSC in Haverhill.
- Students 11 and 12 have moved into full-time education and full-time work.

Some of the above students will add maths to their timetable if they do not hold a pass in this subject. West Suffolk College in Haverhill will look at delivering this next year. The growth we have witnessed with the individuals and as a group is most encouraging.

Junior Signpost

Our Junior Signpost sessions have been led by Becky Baldwin, please see her update.
“The theme has been 'positive vibes' where they have been creating t-shirts and badges with positive quotes - such as be brave, have courage, be kind and stay safe.

The cohort all received an art box which serves as a little studio and they have quickly established a routine of ordering a drink, setting up their space and settling down to the task for the week.

They have formed new friendships and socialised with half coming from different schools. There have been no differences in regard to ability and the sessions have been tackled with enthusiasm, good pace and enjoyment.

Each session ends with an older volunteer giving wellbeing advice in the form of things to try at home, for example mindfulness and breathing techniques. The children talk about them the following week and one I know is storing the sheets in a folder to refer to and has found them useful to help calm down and regulate her emotions.

The volunteer formerly from Adult Signpost also takes the register each week and takes notes regarding how the group interact with each other to help them develop their own skill set in regards to studying child psychology/ care at college in the future.

The signpost sessions are a safe, relaxed place and the children like coming. I know they look forward to it each week.”

CO-OP Member Fund

CO-OP members chose Junior Signpost to benefit by the sum of £1723.30, this amount was earned whilst members of the public shopped at CO-OP in Clare, Sudbury. We will spend this money on the further delivery of Signpost teaming up with upper schools and working with those that are not currently attending school due to anxiety. We are considering linking this offer up with the Duke of Edinburgh Award to add further value to our project.

Breakthrough Fund

We have a £5,000 grant pot to spend on our clients. This money is used to break down barriers and to aid next steps.

- We have organised a lap-top for a young person who requires it for study on her degree nursing associate course.
- Counselling sessions for a young person who cannot move forward until the trauma she is holding on to has been dealt with.
- A gazebo for a young person who wanted to set up a vintage online business and wanted to have a stall on our local market.
- Garden tools and equipment for two of our young people who have gone into business together.
- Steel capped boots, for a client who was offered a next day labouring job.

Case Study Adult Signpost

- A young single mum referred herself to “Signpost Toddler and Me” after seeing it advertised on our Youth Have Options Facebook page. She was struggling with low mood and isolation.
- She had her first child at 16, and now her second child 4 years later was going through the diagnoses of Autism. She was looking for support, friendships, and a sense of belonging.

- We began working with her and her son encouraging positive relationships between them and with the other young families. This created a support network within the group and helped to build confidence and resilience.
- We organised a paediatric first aid course and autism training. This had a positive impact and encouraged her to investigate care /support roles for when her child would attend school. We discussed goals with her, and she shared she was considering nursing.
- We supported her to apply for an apprenticeship nursing associate degree. We helped her comply her first CV, we shared interview techniques and supported her with interview questions and her personal statement.
- She secured an apprenticeship to study for a nursing associate degree at Addenbrookes.
- We have purchased a laptop out of the breakthrough fund to aid her study.

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8c The Zone & Youth Work

Staffing – We have a young person carrying out work experience for a couple of hours on a Friday.

Training – All Zone staff are in the process of completing level 2 Food Hygiene and Safety for Catering and Allergies and Intolerances. This is online. In-house training for customer service and anaphylaxis is taking place.

The Zone – Parties continue to be going well with bookings into next year. We have had a couple of Christmas Parties booked in from Burton End Special Needs Class. This is the 3rd year of booking, and also from a nursery.

Zone customers are good in numbers. Some days better than others. We have had a busy half term. Weather has played its part. Halloween party had 121 customers over the 3 sessions. Staff and customers were happy with how the day went.

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 till March 2024. We have applied for further funding to allow us to continue up to March 2025 (Fingers crossed). Within this funding we offer a SEND Youth session in the school holidays. We are looking at running Boccia sessions alongside Leisure Centre. (Boccia is like carpet bowls but is accessible to all). We have made the basketball area at The Zone accessible to wheelchair users.

We continue to work as Literacy Champions with Get Suffolk Reading and have had fresh deliveries of books.

In The Zone’s reception area, we have new and used school uniform for anybody to take.

Toddler and Me (Signpost group). The small group on Tuesday mornings continues.

Toddler Group takes place during term time only on a Wednesday and Friday. These prove popular and we have regular customers who enjoy this session as they are for preschool children and are calmer. House of Play came to carry out repairs that had been recommended during one of our inspections and they also made access possible for wheelchair users into the basketball area.

Youth Work

We will be losing one of our youth workers who has been offered more hours at school. We wish her well and we will miss her youth work skills. A volunteer we have with us is being offered paid work to cover. She already works as a youth worker in another area and is in the middle of youth work training.

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

Detached – We aim to usually go out once a week weather and staffing permitting. Good to see familiar faces and meeting new faces. 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. At the moment we are working with families and other professionals trying to get permission for some keen young footballers to use an area of green space close to their homes.

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 their youngest children to enable the young people to have their time. We have also had some young people stay without their parents. Our next session will be December when we hope to have Father Christmas visit.

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

On Spot Van – Has been parking up at Tesco's carpark and the Market Square. Not great numbers but we hope they will pick up with the weather turning. The van has a leak which will be looked at on the 9th November.

Thank you for your continued support. Sandra Linnane

8d – Projects & Events Manager

Halloween

5250 attendees at the event in East Town Park. Feedback has been good:

Thank u all for doing amazing job, was brilliant the children loved it. Looking forward to the next one 😊

Was a brilliant event, we enjoyed, well done to all involved in making it happen 🎃

This looks amazing!! We went to the earlier one with no scarers but wishing we'd of gona a bit later now 😊 we'll done HTC! You did it again xx

It was really well put together. You can see a lot of effort went into the event. Well done

Round of applause HTC, that was an amazing thing you put together for the kids, and adults too I'm sure 🍌

With the income from burgers, stalls, rides and donations the event was delivered on budget. However, costs for performers and technical assistance have risen very sharply since the last East Town Park Trail and so to plug gap the arts centre team was commissioned to create some of the props.

The person-power required for the trail is huge and the day itself requires a good deal of stamina and commitment from all involved. We are indebted to the West Suffolk Rangers and East Town Park, Air Cadets and our volunteers from the TC and beyond.

Safety improvements for this year

- Professional security – this helped control groups of over-excited youths.
- Queue within the park – Much safer for families than on the roadside.

Remembrance Parade

Plans in place for this coming Sunday (12 November) with enhanced military protocols. These have been developed in collaboration with Adam Olivant from the Air Cadets and the new Royal British Legion Parade Marshal Danny Kidd. Aaron Luccarini will manage the live stream.

Christmas Event

Plans are progressing for the Christmas Switch-On and Firework event. The programme currently includes street entertainment, 'steam rally' fairground rides, a town crier, charity stalls, performances and childrens' activities. The New Haverhill Santa's sleigh will be there plus Churches Together's Walking Nativity and Queen Street Traders' Santa's Grotto. As with all events this will be a very large operation requiring all staff and as many volunteers as possible. We have had some negative reactions to the decision last January not to have an event on the Friday night, but a full day event when all the shops are open will hopefully deliver a better overall footfall for traders.

Visual Arts Activities

Matisse Exhibition in place – received compliments from general public however school visits lower than expected.

Mural project at Chalkstone – bad weather has pushed back the schedule. Weather permitting the painting will take place mid-November. Site has been relocated to The Vixen with new hoarding in place. The anti-knife crime design and message has been created in collaboration with young people.

Brush and Beyond Workshops

Funded through West Suffolk's Wellbeing Fund, these workshops are happening over six Saturdays in October/November/December. They take place in the Arts Centre Coffee Shop and are led by three professional artists. Attendance has varied. The workshops make the Coffee Shop lively and are providing attendees with high quality creative experiences.

9a) Explore Outdoors

**OCTOBER HALF TERM
REPORT 2023**



With 57 families taking part in Family Park Cooking Sessions, 49 young children enjoying Adventure Days, and 14 teens had active Teen Challenge session at Haverhill and Mildenhall.

We have received fantastic feedback that highlights our positive contribution to the local communities in Suffolk.



FAMILY PARK COOKING



<i>Attendance</i>	Family Park Cooking				
	Spaces	Booked	Attended	% spaces booked	% booking attended
West Suffolk					
Bury	5	5	5	100%	100%
Haverhill	10	10	9	100%	90%
Babergh and Mid					
Stowmarket	20	20	19	100%	95%
Woolpit	5	5	5	100%	100%
Eye	5	5	4	100%	80%
Sudbury	10	10	10	100%	100%
Hadleigh	5	5	5	100%	100%



"Amazing day, the children can have freshly cooked meat and veg"

"My son enjoyed the vegetables and tried new vegetables so we will add these to our shopping list."

FAMILY PARK COOKING FEEDBACK...

"A lovely session, lucky with the weather. Well organised and relaxed with time for a few games. Lots for the young people to do."



"It help me have a new perspective that meals can be less costly"

"We had such a lovely time at the family park cooking session. We enjoyed cooking a meal, baking bread and spending time with the other families. The food given to us will save us money this week and a trip to the super Market. The girls are very excited to do the recipes this week. It's been a great experience for us."



"My daughter suffers badly with lack of confidence, and she was really happy and came away saying she really enjoyed the day"



ADVENTURE DAYS

"It helped with building confidence and exploring different experiences. They said they had the best day and really enjoyed being outdoors exploring and meeting other people."



Attendance	Adventure Days				
	Spaces	Booked	Attended	% spaces booked	% booking attended
West Suffolk					
Newmarket	30	30	21	100%	70%
Haverhill	30	30	26	100%	87%

Thomas Ridley were kind enough to provide us with enough pumpkins for not just the Family Park Cooking but the children on the Adventure Days.



ADVENTURE DAY FEEDBACK



"Tried activities not normally available to her."

"Just thank you, what an amazing thing to offer children. It was lovely to know that why I was working my child was having a fun filled day doing things he loves and pushes his boundaries."



"Playing with others, learning new skills they wouldn't normally do, good memories of day, looking forward to returning."



"He really enjoyed being there and doing the activities and making new friends, great for his confidence"

TEEN CHALLENGE DAYS

"Made new friends, had fun, had a nice warm panini lunch. Looking forward to going again another time."

"Practise at socialising appropriately with adult support."

Attendance	Teen Challenge Days				
	Spaces	Booked	Attended	% spaces booked	% booking attended
West Suffolk					
Mildenhall	12	11	5	92%	45%
Haverhill	12	15	9	125%	75%

"Thank you to the team who hosted the day as everything seemed to run smoothly. We appreciate the support this activity provides our family."



"SHE WANTS TO COME BACK AGAIN, WAS GREAT TO SEE HER SO HAPPY."





"Such a great activity for families "

A Big Thank You.....

Thank you again for the immense support from all of the funding organisations who allow us to continue to provide such a valuable project to the local community.

We were able to provide these sessions with the continued funding from Babergh and Mid Suffolk Council, Haverhill Town Council, Newmarket Charitable Foundation, Activities Unlimited Suffolk Community Foundation Maurken Fund, High Sheriffs Grant and Private Doners

A big thank you to Thomas Ridley for their generous donation of pumpkins and to East Anglian Foods Ltd and Anglia Produce who supply fantastic food for our families and children.



Also, a big thank you to our venues for giving us the space and support to make these sessions possible!



East Town Park, Jarman Centre, The Stevenson Centre, St Marys Church, Woolpit, St Marys Church, Hadleigh, 1st Combs Scouts, Eye Community Centre, West Suffolk College as well as all of Abbeycroft Leisure Centres and Swimming pools



9b) Haverhill Show



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2022/23

Foreword

The 2023 Show was held on the 2nd July and received glowing reviews from the community. The event was blessed with good weather and ran as planned. Its success was down to the hard work and dedication of the Haverhill Show Committee members driven by their desire to hold Haverhill's largest community event, to bring our diverse community together for a day of fun, with something for all the family, whilst also meeting our aims as set out in the constitution of all the money raised on the day going to local charities and good causes. As ever the support and assistance of the Town Council was invaluable in relation to the technical and health & safety support. This was greatly appreciated as was the grant the Haverhill Show received from the town council.

Financially, this was a challenging event to put on as we secured fewer sponsors as in previous years, which reduced our ability to maintain a healthy carry forward to put on future shows. Of course, huge thanks go to our 2023 Sponsors, the main sponsor Culina, attraction sponsors Peasgood & Skeates, Thurlow Motors, The Craft Barn & Sashas Studios as well as contributions from Machine Part Engineering and Burnett Roofing.

• Haverhill Show Committee

As reported in the last Chairman's Report, growing the committee and adding capacity to the committee is still an important part of growing the Haverhill Show and Haverhill Car Boot Sales in the future. I am keen to grow the Committee further by recruiting suitable members of the community who wish to get involved.

In 2023 the HSC temporarily grew with the addition of Hollie Smith joining the team to take on and develop the Food Village. The committee, whilst strong and well placed for next year, is still in need of additional volunteers to either support the committee in its general duties or take on a specific role.

• Revenue

Financial Support from Haverhill Town Council, as in previous years, was necessary in supporting the HSC in delivering the Haverhill Show and holding the Haverhill Car Boot Sales. This year HSC received grant funding of £2000 which proved invaluable in keeping the organisation solvent. This has been an unusual year, with reduced income from sponsors largely due to pressures faced by businesses in the difficult economic environment they find themselves in.

The specific costs covered by the grant are in the financial summary later in this report. This year's reserves are again low, and it is likely that we will again need to apply to the Town Council for a grant to help cover expenses related to next year's 2024 Haverhill Show event.

In 2023, we will be looking to seek opportunities to increase the revenue from sponsors, that will enable us to further grow the show and in doing so increase the amount that the

HSC can distribute to the Haverhill Show beneficiaries. The Haverhill Show raised £3005 on the day.

• Haverhill Car Boot Sales (HCBS)

In 2023 the HSC held the May, June, August & September Car Boot Sales and the monies raised proved invaluable to funding the show and contributing to the modest carry forward for the 2024 events. The income from the car boot sale at the Show itself contributes to the on the day pot.

• Volunteers

The Haverhill Show and Haverhill Car Boot Sales cannot take place without a supply of willing and capable volunteers. This year we grew our volunteer base for the Car Boot Sale with additional volunteers supporting the event.

I am thankful to all those people who donned the orange vest to help us on the day. Securing volunteers remains a key area to ensure that e.g. set up, marshalling, running of attractions, event management and striking the event at the end of the day all occur safely and efficiently.

Financial Summary

(Summary below of our accounts as reported by Finance Office Kelly Bennett 30/09/23)

Opening balance	1908.26
Overpayment of grant 21/22 b/f	1500.00
Income	8941.23
Expenditure	10288.41
As at 30/9/23	2061.08
Open Mind cheque not cashed	-255
Haverhill First Responders cheque not cashed	-400
Carry forward	1406.08

Specific Costs which the Haverhill Town Council Grant £2000 helped the HSC to purchase/fund

Haverhill Show Rec Hire/Toilets			680.00
Car Boot Rec Hire/Toilets	May		106.25
	June		106.25
	Aug		106.25
	Sept		106.25
Insurance			1024.60
Refuse Collection Show			120.00
		Grant Spend	2249.60
HTC Grant			2000.00
Funded by the Haverhill Show			249.60

Beneficiaries

The Haverhill Show raised £3005 on the day. This year as in the previous two years the Haverhill Show Committee decided to present cheques to the beneficiaries at their locality and avoid the complication of holding an indoor event, even with reduced restrictions. Many thanks to the committee members who helped with this process. It's one of the great pleasures visiting our beneficiaries, presenting them their cheques and to hear about the fantastic work they do.



Haverhill Breast Feeding Friends



Open Mind Meaningful Support



Haverhill Free Food



Mens Shed



Boomerangs Pet Food Bank



Owl & Birds of Prey
Rescue



Little Angels Staffie Rescue



Haverhill in Bloom



Fire & Ice Majorettes



Happy Faces

Pre School



Castle Fields

Pre-School

In Summary

Overall, 2023 was another successful year for the Haverhill Show Committee. The hard work, dedication and flexibility demonstrated by the committee members means that the organisation remains well regarded by the community for the work that it does in organising well run and well attended events.

The HSC remains solvent despite challenging times and a significant reduction in sponsors contributions. With continued and valued support from Haverhill Town Council and the business community, it should be well placed to hold events in 2024.

I remain hugely grateful to committee members who were instrumental in organising the 2023 Haverhill

Show: Andy Bennett, Kelly Bennett, Lisa Mason, Jackie Pedzinski, Julie Skuce, Julie Shepherd & Hollie Smith I continue to believe that organising the Haverhill Show is a huge privilege the people of Haverhill entrust us with. I am hopeful that we should be able to secure funding going forward and that 2024 will allow us to put on an even bigger and more ambitious event for the community to enjoy, and in doing so raise increased monies for local charities and good causes who do so much good for the town and the nearby locality.

In October it was my pleasure to be invited to attend the annual Suffolk Community Awards at which our Treasure Kelly Bennett received an Outstanding Contribution to Volunteering Award. This is richly deserved for all that Kelly does, not just for the Haverhill Show Committee, but the many other organisations that she tirelessly gives up her time for.

Of course, the year is not over. Kelly & myself on behalf of the

Haverhill Show Committee applied for and now hold West

Suffolk District Council & Braintree District Council Licences for House to House and/or Street Collections for this Decembers

Haverhill Santa Sleigh which we organise, with the support of the Volunteers from Disco Kitchen. Just this last week we confirmed with Haverhill Town Council that we will have a presence on the

Market Square before the wonderful fireworks display on the 2nd of December, which happens to be the day we start our collections in Haverhill. We also have visits planned, but not yet confirmed, with the local parish councils of Withersfield, Sturmer, Steeple Bumpstead and Kedington.

The Haverhill Show Committee continues to develop the projects and events it organises, and its members demonstrate a strong commitment to fostering a strong community spirit throughout the year. I look forward to what the coming year brings and, as ever, it is my absolute humble privilege to work with such fantastic people that help make it all happen.

Joe Mason
Chairman – Haverhill Show Committee

