



Congleton Town Council

Historic market town

Chief Officer: David McGifford

21st July 2022

Dear Councillor,

Community & Environment Committee – Thursday 28th July 2022

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the Community & Environment Committee to be held at Congleton Town Hall on **Thursday 28th July 2022 at 7.00pm.**

- **The Public and Press are welcome to attend the meeting, please note** - There will be 15 minutes at each meeting to receive any questions from Members of the Public, either verbally or at the meeting, including those which have been received in writing 7 days prior to the meeting.
- There may be confidential items towards the end of the meeting which the law requires the Council to make a resolution to exclude the public and press in accordance with Section 100 (B) (2) of the Local Government Act 1972.

Yours sincerely,

David McGifford
CHIEF OFFICER

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

Members are reminded of the necessity to give apologies in advance of the meeting and to give reasons for absence.

2. Minutes of Previous Meetings (Enclosed)

To approve and sign the [minutes of the Community and Environment Committee held on 26th May 2022](#) as a correct record.

3. Declarations of Interest

Members are requested to declare both “pecuniary” and “non-pecuniary” interests as early in the meeting as they become known.

4. Outstanding Actions

These are dealt with in Agenda item 8 and there will be a verbal update on Citizens Advice.

5. Questions from Members of the Public

There will be 15 minutes at each meeting to receive any questions from Members of the Public, either verbally at the meeting, including those which have been received in writing 7 days prior to the meeting.

- Mr Dalgeigh – Town Centre

6. Urgent Items

Members may raise urgent items related to this Committee, but no discussion or decisions may be taken at the meeting.

7. Cheshire Police (Verbal Update)

To receive and consider a verbal report from Cheshire Police on Policing matters affecting Congleton.

8. Updates from previous Community and Environment Committee (Enclosed)

To receive updates from the Community and Environment Committee held on 26th May 2022.

9. Food and Friendship at Congleton Town Hall (Enclosed)

Presentation from Mark Bailey on a community scheme that Mark's Events will be trialling on the ground floor of the Town Hall.

10. Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group (Enclosed)

To receive the [notes of the Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group held on 7th July 2022](#) and a verbal update from the chair.

11. White Ribbon Working Group (Enclosed)

To receive a copy of the [White Ribbon Working Group minutes from the 8th June 2022](#) and to receive a verbal update from the Chair on its recent activities.

12. 'Reset' Pilot Project Launched in Congleton (Enclosed)

To note a report highlighting the Reset Project which is being piloted in Congleton to teach young people about healthy relationships.

13. Congleton In Bloom Working Group (Enclosed)

To receive the [notes of the Congleton In Bloom Working Group from the meeting held on 3rd May 2022](#) and a brief verbal update from the team on the NW in Bloom judging on the 26th July and Britain in Bloom judging on the 2nd August.

14. Congleton Green Working Group (Enclosed)

To receive the [notes of the Congleton Green Working Group held on the 18th May 2022](#) and to receive a verbal update from the Chair on the meeting of 27 July 2022.

15. "No Mow Way" (Enclosed)

To consider "No Mow May" 2022 and discuss actions that should be taken for "No Mow May" 2023.

16. Congleton Skate Park (Enclosed)

To consider a request from Cheshire East Council to assist with creating an improved skating park for Congleton.

17. Update on Chapel House – Known Locally as Moody Hall (Enclosed)

To receive an update report on Moody Hall, Moody Street.

18. 750 Year Celebration Working Group (Enclosed)

To receive the [notes of the 750 Year Celebration Working Group held on 9th June and 14th July 2022.](#)

19. Update on 750 Year Celebration Activities (Enclosed)

To receive an update report on the 750 Year Celebration activities organised by Congleton Town Council.

20. Support for Ukraine (Verbal Update)

To receive a verbal update on activity in support of Ukraine.

To: Members of the Community & Environment Committee

Cllrs: Kay Wesley (Chair), Sally Ann Holland (Vice Chair)
Dawn Allen, Paul Duffy, Suzy Firkin, Robert Hemsley, Amanda Martin, Denis Murphy,
Jean Parry and Mark Rogan

Ex Officio: Cllr Margaret Gartside (Town Mayor), Cllr Rob Moreton (Deputy Mayor)

Ccs: Appointed Members - Mr G Baxendale (Honorary Burgess)
Mr E Clarke (Honorary Burgess)

Other members of the Council for Information, Police, Honorary Burgess (1), Press (3),
Congleton Library, Congleton Information Centre.

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 26th May 2022

Please note – These are draft minutes and will not be ratified until the next meeting of the Community and Environment Committee

For the papers discussed at the meeting, please see the [Meeting Agenda of the Community & Environment Committee 26th May 2022](#)

PRESENT:

Committee members:

Cllr Kay Wesley (Chair)

Cllr Paul Duffy

Cllr Suzy Firkin

Cllr Robert Hemsley

Cllr Amanda Martin

Cllr Denis Murphy

Cllr Jean Parry

Cllr Mark Rogan

Ex Officio members: Cllr Rob Moreton (Deputy Mayor)

Also present: Congleton Town Council Officers Jackie MacArthur and Debbie Coxon

One member of the press, one Cheshire Police Officer and two members of the public, one of whom presented.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from:

Committee Members: Cllr Dawn Allen and Cllr Sally Ann Holland

Ex-Officio member: Cllr Margaret Gartside (Town Mayor)

2. Minutes of Previous Meetings

CE/01/2223 Resolved to approve the [minutes of the Community & Environment Committee held on 31st March 2022 as a correct record](#).

3. Declarations of Interest

Councillors Denis Murphy and Rob Moreton declared a non-pecuniary interest on any matters relating to Cheshire East Council. Cllr Denis Murphy declared an interest as a former trustee of CE Citizens Advice Bureau

4. Outstanding Actions

See Agenda item 9 for any outstanding actions for the Community and Environment Committee.

5. Questions from Members of the Public

There was one [question raised by Jackie Kay from the Congleton Climate Change Action Group referring to the Tree Planting Programme](#).

6. Urgent Items

There were no urgent items raised at the meeting.

7. Cheshire Police

Sergeant John Roberts from Cheshire Police gave a verbal update on Policing matters affecting Congleton, please see Appendix 1.

8. Congleton Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB)

CE/02/2223 Resolved to receive the update report on the Cheshire East's Citizen Advice operation in Congleton and to thank Liz Shaw (Chief Officer) for her informative presentation about the changes to the operation. The Town Council pledged to actively support the CAB in its drive to support more residents and to recruit more volunteers.

9. Updates from previous Community and Environment Committee

CE/03/2223 Resolved to receive the updates paper from the Community and Environment Committee held on 31st March 2022. These covered the CE52/2122 re Covid funds, CE55/2122 re SHOUT campaign support and CE62/2122 re Chatty Benches.

10. Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group

CE/04/2223 Resolved to receive the [notes of the Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group held on the 5th May 2022](#) and a verbal update from the chair.

11. White Ribbon Working Group

CE/05/2223 Resolved to receive the verbal update from the White Ribbon Working Group on its recent activities.

12. Domestic Abuse Clinic and Related Services in Congleton

CE/06/2223 Resolved to receive the updates paper regarding Domestic Abuse services and agreed to show its support for the continuation of the clinics, to positively support applications for funding to enable these clinics to continue and to promote the services of the clinic and new ones to Peer Support Group.

13. Congleton In Bloom Working Group

CE/07/2223 Resolved to receive the [notes of the Congleton In Bloom Working Group from the meeting held on the 28th March and 3rd May 2022](#) and a brief verbal update from the team.

14. Congleton Green Working Group

CE/08/2223 Resolved to receive the [notes of the Congleton Green Working Group held on the 21st April 2022](#)

15. Air Quality Concerns in Congleton

CE/09/2223 Resolved to approve the request from the Congleton Green Working Group, to write to Cheshire East Council (CEC) with the results of the Air Quality surveys and request further testing by CEC. To put Congleton forward for any air quality pilots being run in the area and to support the National Clean Air Day on the 16th June.

16. Support for Ukrainian Guests and their Hosts

CE/10/2223 Resolved to receive the paper and continue to support the Congleton Area Ukrainian Support Network (CAUSN), Cheshire East Council and Refugees Welcome to support Ukrainians and host families in the area.

17. 750 Year Celebration Working Group

CE/11/2223 Resolved to receive the [notes of the 750 Year Celebration Working Group held on the 7th April and 5th of May 2022.](#)

**Cllr Kay Wesley
(Chair)**

APPENDIX 1 - UPDATE FROM CHESHIRE POLICE - ITEM 7

Sergeant John Roberts introduced himself as the new Beat Sergeant. He gave an overview of Congleton crime related figures from 1/4/2022 – 25/05/2022. This covers Congleton East and West Wards

Anti-Social Behaviour – 39 Incidents - same time for 2021 – 65 incidents
Domestic Abuse 64 Incidents - same time for 2021 – 63 incidents

Other Crimes

Drug Related Incidents – 11 - same time for 2021 - 19 incidents
Burglary – 7 same time for 2021 - 18 incidents
Criminal Damage 18 same time for 2021 – 27 incidents

Overall crime is stable or reducing in Congleton at this time. The number of investigations remains comparable with much larger Beat Teams. Arrest Rates are around 40%.

Night Time Economy has not given any cause for concern in recent weeks with minimal issues reported. Beat team will continue to monitor this over the summer months. Only one Spike related incident has been reported – this turned out not to be a spike.

Road awareness work around SAFEPASS completed around overtaking cyclists, this was filmed by ITV and should be on TV on 9/06/2022.

New Beat PC ANNA JENKINSON Starts in Congleton on 20th June.

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL
COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

COMMITTEE:	Community & Environment		
MEETING DATE AND TIME	28th July 2022 7.00pm	LOCATION	Town Hall
REPORT FROM	Jackie MacArthur - Communities and Marketing Manager and Deputy Chief Officer		
AGENDA ITEM	8		
REPORT TITLE	Updates from previous Community and Environment Committee		
Background	<p>This paper gives members an update on actions from reports discussed at the previous Community and Environment Committee and are on-going matters which are on the agenda. These items do not need a full paper and are either ongoing issues or confirmation of completion or resolution.</p> <p>The paper is for noting and is an opportunity to feedback on issues from this committee.</p>		
Updates	<p>Actions from the meeting of the 31st March 2022.</p> <p>CE/62/2122 – Chatty Benches - Officers plan to have four benches – one in Congleton Park, one in the Town Centre, one in the Community Garden and one at Astbury Mere by the end of June.</p>		
PROPOSALS	To note the update report.		

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COMMITTEE:	Community & Environment		
MEETING DATE AND TIME	28th July 2022 7.00pm	LOCATION	Town Hall
REPORT FROM	Jackie MacArthur - Communities and Marketing Manager and Deputy Chief Officer on behalf of Mark Bailey - Mark's Events		
AGENDA ITEM	9		
REPORT TITLE	Food and Friendship at Congleton Town Hall		
Background	<p>This paper is to inform and seek support for a new community initiative that our Commercial Partner, Mark's Events, is planning to start running in Congleton Town Hall.</p> <p>In a time of a cost-of-living crisis, Mark Bailey, owner of Mark's Events, is planning to host Food and Friendship events at Congleton Town Hall. The exact branding and details are still being worked on and more details will be given at the meeting.</p> <p>The proposal is that there will be an event on a Monday daytime and one evening in the week - either a Tuesday or Thursday, where people who are struggling to afford the cost of cooking fresh food can enjoy a meal and some activities free of charge in the Town Hall.</p> <p>Plus Dane Housing and Biddulph Rotary have already expressed interest in supporting the venture. Several people have volunteered to help with managing and supporting the sessions and a call is going out for support activities to run alongside the food opportunity – such as debt counselling, health checks, advice sessions.</p> <p>The sessions will be held in the space that was formally known as the Cotton Club, with the potential to expand into the Grand Hall if the sessions attract more people than can be accommodated in the café area.</p>		
Financial Implications	If the Community and Environment Committee is supportive of this project, an application may be submitted to the Town Council seeking some sponsorship funding and practical assistance in promoting the activities.		
Environmental Implications	Food is sourced locally where possible. Increases in carbon footprint through heating, lighting and transport to the Town Hall will need to be off set.		
Equality, Diversity and Inclusion	This project is aimed at supporting those most in need in our community in the most basic way of making sure that they receive some hot, good quality fresh food and also benefit from friendships that may develop and advice gained from those friends or supporters at the weekly sessions.		
Proposal	To note the update report and any recommendations that come out of the discussion		

Minutes Anti-Social Behaviour Working Group

Virtual Meeting – Thursday 7th July 2022

Present: Cllr Kay Wesley (Chair), Cllr Amanda Martin, Cllr Denis Murphy, Glen Williams, Stg John Roberts, Hannah Thompson PCSO, Jackie MacArthur (CTC)

1. Apologies: Ruth Burgess (CTC), Cllr Rob Moreton Paul Bestwick (CEC), Cllr Dawn Allen Julia Pelsall Hassell (CEC),

	Agenda Item	Issue/Action	By Whom	When
2.	Notes of 5/5/22	accepted by group		
2a	Welcome	Since the last meeting. Group introduced themselves to PCSO Hannah Thompson who has just joined the Congleton Beat Team		
2b	Action Log a) Ongoing but not on the agenda	Article for Bear Necessities on drug and alcohol abuse _ Jackie – summer Publicising actions that can be taken against ASB offenders – article – John Roberts – for Friday 14 th July. Re-establish a youth event at Bamboogie – with Rob Moreton Jackie and Kay to arrange a visit to the CCTV HQ – August ASB in Salford Place mentioned at last meeting – no reports to Police, no signs of any ASB on the various visits. Police Liaison Officer – not a role that the Police were looking for or aware of in local towns	Jackie John Cllr Rob Moreton Jackie	Closed Closed
3.	Drug and Alcohol Abuse	Looking at April to June the number of Public Order offences has remained the same at 23. Drugs incidents – 28 (April to June 2021) 26 in the same period for 22. 1 possible spiking incident, results not confirmed. PubWatch continuing to remain active. No new sites mentioned for Drugs and Alcohol hot spots	Police	Ongoing

	Agenda Item	Issue/Action	By Whom	When
4.	Anti-Social Behaviour and Young Offenders	<p>ASB down by 40% - from 131 in April to June 2021 to 79 in the same period this year.</p> <p>Important for people to keep reporting incidents to the Police – 101.</p> <p>Letter to be written to parent that asked about a parent meeting re ASB</p> <p>To keep a check as schools break up to be alert to changes in ASB.</p> <p>Police believe that the re-creation of the Congleton Policing Unit is having a positive effect on local area with more action being taken to problem solve.</p> <p>Top locations continue to be around Morrisons and Congleton Park.</p> <p>Aware that wooden risers are being lifted from the Town Wood – possible sign of strength?</p>	<p>CEC/Police</p> <p>Jackie</p>	Ongoing
5.	ASB Week 18th – 24th July	<p>Week of action planned by the police, including working with Daven Primary school on team building exercises, high viz bike patrols in the park, Biddulph Valley Way and around Morrisons. Tru Cam on A34 and taking part in Congleton Pride.</p> <p>CTC to take action to encourage people to report, report, report.</p>		18-24 July
6.	Domestic Violence and Sexual Offences	<p>Sharp rise in Sexual Offences reporting (28 compared to 10 for the same period last year) Amount of 'live' incidents is the same level and the increase is around reporting historical incidents (10) and concerns raised at schools and social media related incidents (11). Note three cases came in via the front desk and concern that this will be lost when the front desk closes.</p> <p>Domestic Violence down from 101 to 96, whilst arrests are up from 17 to 38. Arrest rate increased from 17% to 35% .</p>	John Roberts	
7.	Hate Crime	<p>Three incidents reported – down from 6 same time last year. 2 around sexuality and one mental health. John now the Hate Crime Triage officer.</p> <p>Recreation of policing unit having a positive effect.</p> <p>CTC has copies of the Pride Hate Crime Poster to distribute.</p>		
8.	Police Priorities	<p>Engagement with Pride Group and Congleton Pride Day</p> <p>Patrols in the Morrisons Area</p> <p>Looking at some warrants – more details later</p> <p>Getting more of the Beat team to issues 'yellow cards' where appropriate</p>	Police	

	Agenda Item	Issue/Action	By Whom	When
9.	Update on CCTV	Carried over to next meeting	Jackie Mac	
10.	Speeding and Traffic	PCSO Karen out with Trucam Congleton Police were on ITN with the 'close pass/road policy' Concern about Macclesfield Road and speed of traffic - a need for 30 mph Concern about Jackson Road and the safety of Eaton Bank pupils when leaving school.	John to send a link.	
11.	AOB	Parking at the Bus Station – cars are blocking the road and causing pedestrians to step into the road. Concern about pavement parking in the Crescent, Waggs Road, Silk Road and all around the Tennis club. Disappointed that the Front Desk at Congleton is going to close even though lots of objections - to monitor the impact on the community Noted the Crime Commissioner is hosting a public meeting about speeding on the Link Road at the Town Hall on Friday 15 th July from 5pm – 7pm Note Ayrshire Way Consultation on parking and entrance – group didn't think this was for ASB to comment on – it is for the transport working group or individual councillors.	Jackie to contact CEC John to mention to Beat team Jackie to check with Highways if any action can be taken. John to mention to Beat team. Jackie to send out link	
12.	Date of Next Meeting	Thursday 8 th September 2022 3.30pm – 5pm FACE TO FACE MEETING with zoom option.	Jackie book	

Minutes of the White Ribbon Working Group Meeting

Held at 1.30pm on the 8th June 2022 at Congleton Town Hall

In attendance Cllr R Douglas (Deputising as Chair), R Walton, P Munro, J Dakin, Cllr K Wesley and D McGifford

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Robert Hemsley, Mark Rogan

2. Minutes from the last meeting

Minutes of the meeting on the 9th February 2022 were approved

3. Review of Action Plan

Was reviewed and updated

[Action Plan and status can be seen here](#)

4. Items related to outreach from the Action Plan

4.1 Reaching into local organisations/businesses to raise awareness – see action plan

4.2 Streetscape staff awareness – completed apart from 2 members of staff

4.3 Update on schools – see action plan

5. Agree dates future meetings and events for 2022/ 23

5.1 Meetings September 15th 2022 10.00 am

5.2 Makers Market 24th September 2022

5.3 January meeting to be agreed at the September meeting

6. Any other Business

6.1 Chase certificates (Jackie M) place in visible locations within town hall, reception

6.2 Review electronic logos on e-mails (DM to discuss with JM)

6.3 Floral Plaque in park – cost £200 – sponsorship required

6.4 Costing for single logo on Christmas projection onto the town hall -

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COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

COMMITTEE:	Community & Environment		
MEETING DATE AND TIME	28 July 2022 7.00pm	LOCATION	Town Hall
REPORT FROM	Jackie MacArthur - Communities and Marketing Manager and Deputy Chief Officer On behalf of MyCWA (Cheshire Without Abuse)		
AGENDA ITEM REPORT TITLE	12 Reset Pilot Project Launched in Congleton.		
Background	<p>This paper is to inform Councillors about the ‘Reset’ Programme which is being trialled in Congleton High School.</p> <p>The successful work of Congleton’s White Ribbon Group and the support of the Domestic Abuse Clinics in Congleton may well have contributed to the fact that Congleton has been chosen to pilot this project.</p>		
Further information	<p>My CWA (formerly Cheshire Without Abuse) has launched a brand-new early intervention programme called ‘Reset’, designed to educate teenagers on domestic abuse and its warning signs.</p> <p>The programme is funded by the Home Office via the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cheshire, John Dwyer, and aims to empower young people across Cheshire with knowledge of what makes a healthy and happy relationship, promoting self-identification of harmful behaviours.</p> <p>‘Reset’ is currently being piloted locally in Congleton High School with very positive initial response from staff and students.</p> <p>Research shows 25% of girls and 18% of boys aged 13–17 have experienced some form of physical violence from an intimate partner. In 2015, a Domestic Abuse survey of 338 young people revealed that although every participant could explain the term domestic abuse, only 15% thought it could happen to them – the rest thought domestic abuse was an adult-only issue. Statistically, those aged 16 – 25 are the most vulnerable to abusive relationships.</p> <p>Understanding what makes a relationship healthy or unhealthy – whether romantic, family or friendship - and having the knowledge to spot red flags of unhealthy behaviours, is essential for all young people.</p>		

	<p>‘Reset’ is a brand-new early intervention programme designed to educate teenagers on domestic abuse and its warning signs – empowering them with the knowledge of what makes a relationship healthy and unhealthy, promoting self-identification of harmful behaviours and equipping them with the skills to make healthier relationship choices.</p> <p>Part of the programme is a film called The Wheel which premiered at a launch of the ‘Reset’ programme in Macclesfield earlier this month. This will be made available to schools in Congleton.</p> <p>There is an opportunity for Congleton Town Council to help promote the ‘Reset’ programme and its resources, including the film, to young people and their parents in Congleton.</p>
Financial Considerations	None
Environmental Considerations	No impact on Carbon Footprint.
Equality and Inclusivity considerations	Domestic abuse is a cause and consequence of inequality. This is an important project for creating a better understanding about healthy relationships and equality for the next generation.
Proposal	Help to promote the ‘Reset’ Programme in Bear Necessities and through Congleton Town Council’s Social Media Channels.

Congleton In Bloom Working Group

3RD May 2022 Meeting, Minutes

9.30am –Spencer Suite

Attendees : Cllr D Brown (Chair), Cllr M Gartside, Bob Edwards, Glen Williams, Patti Pinto, Sue Conway
Ruth Burgess

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Members are respectfully reminded of the necessity to submit any apology for absence in advance and to give a reason for non- attendance.

Cllr R Chadwick

- 2. Declarations of Interest:** Members are requested to declare both “pecuniary” and “non-pecuniary” interests as early in the meeting as they become known.

- a. David Brown- Cheshire East
- b. Patti Pinto- William Dean Trust, Congleton Partnership, Congleton Park FoCP, FoCG
- c. Glen Williams- Bromley Farm, Congleton Partnership, Congleton Park FoCP
- d. Margaret Gartside- Congleton Partnership, FoCG
- e. Bob Edwards- Congleton Partnership, Congleton Park FoCP
- f. Sue Conway – FoCP, FoCG

- 3. Cenotaph Working Group**

- 4. Plan for Tuesday 10th Many Joing working Group of volunteers and Streetscape to Weed Back of Cenotaph – Committee to agree next steps and plants**

- 5. Reallocation of Tasks**

Separate working Document regarding task allocation

- 6. Wildlife Boards**

Update – Boards from Habitat have now been ordered, Astbury Mere are providing their own.

- 7. ROUTE- All**

Separate working Document regarding Route

- 8. AOB**

- Finalised list of all IYN Groups which have entered this year, RB To email queries over to North West in Bloom to seek further Advice on groups and numbers etc
- Thank you letters to be sent out to local residents who have kindly given any products and materials for all our different projects
- Update on Wagon and Horse Roundabout Scheme which went to THAS Committee.
- Mountbatten Way planters – looks in re-siting
- Future Projects
 - Walled Garden
 - Rood Hill

Virtual Congleton Green Working Group Meeting –

NOTES OF MEETING

Date: Wednesday 18th May 2022

Location: Zoom

Time: 4pm – 5.30pm

Present: Cllr Margaret Gartside (Chair) Cllr Suzy Firkin, Cllr Amanda Martin, Heather Seddon, Barry Speed, Jackie MacArthur

Item	What was discussed / description	Actions	By whom	By when
1	Apologies	Cllr Kay Wesley, Adam Linnet (CWT), Cllr Martin Amies		
2	Notes of meeting of 21st April 2022	Accepted as a true record Presentation from Dimal needs to be sent to all members	Jackie	
3.	Outstanding and Complete actions not on agenda	<p>Ongoing – Rewilding CTC - all sites are now planted</p> <p>Ongoing: <i>Developing Carbon Footprint for 2021/22</i> – Serena was inputting data based on financial information – but needs to look at this in more detail. Fuel is now far more expensive than a year ago, as is energy- so could be paying more but using less. Serena and Barry to have a conversation re calculating carbon footprint. Currently fuel prices increasing almost weekly.</p> <p>On Hold – Green Assembly - not a clear way forward and is still on hold</p> <p>Ongoing – <i>Green Fayre</i> - booked for 24th September – road closures booked, Jackie, Cathy Dean, Rachel and Celeste to develop the plan for the day. May be an idea to include Repair Work Shop, Slimming World and Kids Clothes in the Town Hall. Someone to repair clothes? Possible Fashion Show. Look into events to build a ‘Big Green Week’.</p>	<p>Serena and Barry</p> <p>JM, CD, RM</p>	May/ June
4.	Air Quality Paper for CE Committee	Paper to be written on behalf of the Green Group to go to Communities and Environment Committee. The Green Group wants CTC to put pressure on CEC to do far more to research and monitor Air Quality in	JM/ SF	May

		<p>Congleton, to measure particulates and offer for Congleton to be used for any innovative work or studies into Air Quality.</p> <p>Cllr Suzy Firkin will present the paper. Jackie to pull it together.</p>		
5.	Biodiversity Plan	<p>Ruth Benson is starting work on the plans for the 30 sites – which are all either CTC or CEC-managed areas. Hope to have the plans ready in June. Meets with a sub-group of Green Group members. Speaking with local experts on bats, moles, hedgehogs etc. There will be consultation and engagement with local people. Note more funding may be needed to progress some of the projects.</p>	Biodiversity subgroup	June
6.	Decarbonising the Town Hall	<p>Consultants have now been appointed. Thompson consultancy coming to the Town Hall on the 23 May to start the project. Town Hall Consultants will be speaking with the consultants working on the hydro scoping project on the Dane to see if there can be any synergy. Separate smaller group – Cllrs SF, MW, MA – will work with the Town Hall Working group and keep the Green Group informed</p>	Cllr SF to update the group – keep as an agenda item.	
7.	Green Marketing and messaging	<p>As planned lots of messages going out in May around no mow May and also around the National Clean Air Day.</p> <p>Not many people willing to make videos – but CTC team finding information to share. Look to get pics from Plus Dane and Streetscape Team. Need to explain more about why the playing fields are being cut.</p> <p>Barry suggested adding more links to the Green Calendar</p> <p>Check what happened with the CWT Wildlife Poster</p> <p>Make it more visible the work CTC has done around Carbon reduction - Electric supplier, electric equipment rather than diesel, working around reducing vehicles and electric vehicles, appointed consultants on a decarbonisation plan, changed lighting, changed chemicals, changed to peat-free compost, more online meetings (less travel)</p>	<p>KW/JM.</p> <p>JM</p> <p>JM</p> <p>JM/SF/KW</p>	<p>May</p> <p>May</p> <p>Create a visible dashboard</p>
9.	<p>AOB</p> <p>Plastic Free Congleton</p>	<p>Plastic Free Congleton has now met all the requirements to be awarded Plastic Free Community status for Congleton. Team to be congratulated.</p>		

	<p>E-Learning Course</p> <p>AIR Quality Information</p>	<p>July messaging will be around Plastic Free. Arrange for the Mayor to present something to the group</p> <p>Need to get accurate analytics for the course – Jackie to sort out a meeting and arrange to get the data from TMC</p> <p>Leaflets and posters printed for the Air Quality Group -</p>	<p>JM/HS</p> <p>JM</p>	<p>June</p> <p>June</p>
10.	Date of Next Meetings -	<p>Thursday 16th June 10 – 11.30am _ THIS MEETING WAS LATER CANCELLED.</p> <p>Wednesday 27th July 4- 5.30pm</p> <p>Thursday 18th August 10- 1130am</p>		

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COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

COMMITTEE:	Community & Environment		
MEETING DATE AND TIME	28th July 2022 7.00pm	LOCATION	Town Hall
REPORT FROM	David McGifford, Chief Officer		
AGENDA ITEM REPORT TITLE	15 “No Mow May” – Lessons to learn for 2023		
Background	<p>In 2022 Congleton Town Council and the Streetscape Team embraced the “No Mow May” campaign. Cheshire East Council (CEC), who contract Congleton Town Council (CTC) to carry out the work, also embraced the campaign.</p> <p>For the month of May, the Streetscape Team only cut grass in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • play areas– either official or well used-unofficial play areas. • formal areas such as the cenotaph and community garden. • in areas where not to cut would have caused health and safety issues. <p>This was part of a national campaign to give wildlife a greater chance by allowing spring flowers, food for insects and bees, to flourish to help combat the nature emergency. This is followed with less frequent cuts throughout the year.</p> <p>This paper has been written to inform members of some of the issues created by “No Mow May” and to seek guidance on how the Town Council should proceed in 2023.</p>		
Further information	<p>Along with any new scheme the team faced several issues, which we need to look at for next year.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Streetscape Manager, CTC office staff and Cheshire East Council received a number of email and telephone complaints from local people about long grass and accusing the Councils of cost-cutting. Next year there needs to be more publicity and education around why “No Mow May” is important and how it doesn’t actually save any money, but it’s about saving nature. 2. There was an expectation from many people that within the first couple of days in June all of the long grass would be cut across the town. The Town Council Streetscape Team is responsible for 179,016 sq m of public amenity open space and 120,732 sq m of playing fields. It takes around three weeks with the equipment and staff that CTC has to complete all of the areas. With the grass being extra-long, extra thick and lush, it is more problematic to cut. It’s harder on the machines and contains more wildlife, which is removed where possible, and it also creates more of a mess as the mowers do not collect up the cuttings. In many cases two cuts were needed as the grass was too long to go straight to mowing. 		

Again, expectations need to be managed.

3. CTC's commitment to the Nature Emergency does not stop with "No Mow May". Where the Streetscape Team has seen fit and feasible, they have left some swathes of long grass (see image below) this is then left all year round, making a balance of being able to play safely in short grass as well as watching and playing near local wildlife in the longer grass.



4. Congleton Town Council remains committed to making our grounds maintenance practices more sustainable and more wildlife friendly. We have identified areas where we will let the grass grow longer, trial new planting such as meadow creation and perennial planting, let hedges grow thicker, plant more trees, and let some areas naturally regenerate. We will be composting more and leaving deadwood in areas where it is appropriate to create habitat piles. We are also trialling some electrical equipment instead of petrol-fuelled equipment.

The changes we are making support Cheshire East Council's Environment Strategy to address and adapt to climate change and aid nature recovery and also support the declaration that Congleton Town Council signed up to in November 2019 declaring a climate emergency. We aim to reduce waste, reduce our carbon footprint, and improve habitats for wildlife.


We understand that in some places this is quite a change, however we are ensuring that there is still plenty of space for everybody to continue to have fun, exercise, relax and enjoy all the benefits of our open spaces.

For 2023, it would help to raise public awareness of the thought process behind "No Mow May" and highlight the time taken to catch back up with the consequences of not cutting in May, and hopefully people can be more accepting. It may be that in some areas it would help to cut less frequently rather than leaving it for the full month.

Financial Considerations	<p>“No Mow May” is not a money-saving exercise as the staff that would be cutting grass are switched to other grounds duties. It does create issues in June with the need for increased hours and spare parts for the mowers to cope with the thick, long grass.</p> <p>Had May not been a good month, where hanging baskets and troughs were ready to go out, this could have had consequences in early June.</p>
Environmental Considerations	<p>“No Mow May” is about addressing the nature emergency.</p>
Equality and Inclusivity considerations	<p>This policy is applied across the town without prejudice.</p>
Proposal	<p>To continue to support “No Mow May” in 2023, but to increase the publicity and public education around the project to reduce the amount of time spent dealing with complaints.</p>

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

COMMITTEE:	Community and Environment Committee		
MEETING DATE/TIME	28th July 2022 -7 pm	LOCATION	Congleton Town Hall
REPORT FROM	Xander Greenwood and Cllr Suzie Akers Smith		
AGENDA ITEM REPORT TITLE	16 Congleton Skate Park		
CURRENT STATUS	<p>Congleton Skate Park was not included to be fully renovated with the planning permission for Congleton Leisure Centre rebuild, but rather a refurbishment of the existing facilities was promised. Following a number of conversations with local user groups and success at the Olympics since the skate park was built, a refurbishment of the existing facilities would neither serve existing users to the skate park, nor would it encourage new users and it would not provide up to date facilities that could deliver a new Olympic champion. Requirements and needs have changed considerably since the skate park was built and a refurbishment as has been planned, will just be throwing good money after bad.</p>  <p>Joints on ride where the concrete has fallen out can ruin the ride experience and will discourage users from returning to the park. The gaps are dangerous because wheels can get caught in them. Skating has changed to a more continuous experience of which Congleton skate park does not provide.</p>		
NEEDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE	<p>Examples of the type of skate parks have been built over the last few years provide children the opportunity to ‘get in’ to skating and to begin developing their skills and the rides offer an opportunity to ride continuously around the skate park.</p> <p>A shortlist of four large British skatepark builders who all use a method of spray concreting, ensuring a very smooth surface that lasts for years with fewer joints which would require less maintenance.</p>		

Since 1999 [Wheelscape](#) is one company involved in the refurbishment of skateparks on behalf of councils and has been contracting for councils across the entire country. Some of their larger projects include The [Flowerpot Skatepark, Exeter](#), and [Market Drayton Skatepark](#). In Cheshire East they have constructed three skateparks, Macclesfield, Bollington and Poynton Bowl.

<https://wheelscape.squarespace.com/wheelscape-skatepark-portfolio/flowerpot-skatepark-exeter>

[Canvas](#) is a company whose work includes [Projekts](#), a huge concrete skatepark underneath the Mancunian Way flyover near Piccadilly in Manchester. A skate park in [Marple](#), which is comparable in scale to something that could be achieved in Congleton.

[Bendcrete](#), who have been professionally building skateparks since 1995, have experience with [larger](#) and [more compact](#) parks. They also have a section on their website specifically catered toward [scooter parks](#) - which cater for much younger riders who do not have as much experience with skateparks and feature smaller ramps in a 'back and forth' style.

[Maverick](#), an award-winning company based in Bournemouth has worked on huge projects like Newquay's [Concrete Waves](#), medium-sized parks like [Warmley](#), and small parks like [Leek](#).


To have a park of this calibre locally would mean young people will be far more motivated to skate with it being on my doorstep. All of these companies regularly work with councils, and all give advice for specific funding and grants.

The Market Drayton skate park costed £150,000.

The recent grant awarded Nantwich skate park is priced at £100,000

In Staffordshire, Chell Heath skatepark was built last year with £110,000

<https://www.stokesentinel.co.uk/news/stoke-on-trent-news/110k-skate-park-finally-set-5059950>

	 <p>The price of this park in Chell Heath was £110,000 and was built with lottery funding.</p>
Financial Considerations	<p>The Town Council currently has no budget or reserves that can contribute towards a project of this scale, there is the potential that by working with the key stakeholders grants or planning related income via S106 or CILs could contribute towards this scheme</p>
Equality and Diversity	<p>This facility should be designed to be used and available to all members of the community who wish to use it.</p>
Environmental	<p>If built in the location of the current skate park, it will enhance that general area and also be more secure with CCTV cover and other activity taking place related to the refurbished leisure centre.</p>
Proposals	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For the Town Council to support and help progress a fully revamped and redesigned skate park, rather than a refurbishment of the existing facilities. 2. To include Everybody, ANSA, Cheshire East Council (CEC) and work together to deliver this project. 3. For officers to spend some time to look for and help put funding bids together. 4. To engage with and include the community in the development of a new skate park.

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL
COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

COMMITTEE:	Community & Environment		
MEETING DATE AND TIME	28 July 2022 7.00pm	LOCATION	Town Hall
REPORT FROM	David McGifford, Chief Officer		
AGENDA ITEM	17		
REPORT TITLE	Update on Chapel House – Known locally as Moody Hall		
Background	<p>After many years of neglect, Chapel House was acquired by a developer whose planning application 19/0400C was granted permission for the development of 14 living apartments, the original application was for a care home facility.</p> <p>Being a listed building there are conditions with regards to the renovation of such buildings and from what we understand there were quite a lot of discussions with the planning authority on this matter. The renovations eventually stalled, and the building started to fall into a state of disrepair even though the developer stated he was keen to progress.</p> <p>The site became unsecure and was being accessed for what could only be described as extreme anti-social behaviour. The building appeared to be at significant risk and as a result all windows and doors have now been boarded up and secured, as well as a perimeter fence being erected.</p> <p>There is a major concern about the future of this building and that it may deteriorate to such a degree that this listed building will be lost if there is no intervention. Cheshire East Council have advised that the building is secure and not currently at risk.</p>		
Further information	<p>The developer is not currently responding to telephone calls or messages from the Town Council and has no legal requirement to do so, however we are aware that there is a potential solution which may be of interest to the developer which has been brought forward by two respected community organisations as set out below:</p> <p>1. From Susan Munro, Chair of Elizabeth's Group <i>Elizabeth's Group is very interested in Moody Hall as it was the home of Elizabeth's School at one point in its chequered history. I am in contact with a potential buyer who wants to see the building saved and used by the community including Elizabeth's Group and the Museum.</i></p>		

	<p>2. From Ian Doughty, Director of Congleton Museum:</p> <p><i>Congleton museum would always be interested in exploring potential sites to establish an enhanced facility that would meet its aspirations and provide a showcase for Congleton and the wider area's heritage. The occupation of all or part of Moody Hall as a museum would be dependent upon the conditions, which would include a long term right to occupy in excess of 25 years to secure capital funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund and at a peppercorn rent. There would certainly be grants available, not only for relocating the museum there, but also depending upon a rigorous architectural assessment, listed building grants for either the Georgian or Victorian Societies.</i></p> <p>With a potential buyer, these two organisations could provide a viable opportunity for the developer should he be interested, the challenge is the reluctance of the developer to enter into any discussions on this matter.</p>
Financial Considerations	<p>The interest that is being shown in buying Moody Hall is outside of the Town Council, on that basis there are no direct financial implications to the Town Council in terms of procurement. Should the museum become part of the project and relocate to Moody Hall, there will need to be capital expenditure in the area which they currently occupy at the Town hall to enable its future use.</p>
Environmental Considerations	<p>The development and occupation of Moody Hall will certainly enhance and protect the building itself whilst also eradicating the anti-social behaviour that has taken place at this location. It will also create a better all-round environment for local businesses and residents.</p>
Equality and Inclusivity considerations	<p>That the future use of the building encompasses the necessary legislation of equality and inclusivity</p>
Proposal	<p>Whilst this report is mainly for information to the Community and Environment Committee, it is proposed that the Chief Officer, on behalf of the Town Council, writes to the developer and formally requests a meeting with themselves and the potential buyer.</p>

CTC 750 Working Group

Thursday 9 June 11am-12.30pm on Zoom

Attendees: Cllr Margaret Gartside, Cllr Suzy Firkin, Jenny Unsworth, Jackie MacArthur,
Debbie Coxon

1. **Apologies:** Cllr David Brown, Cllr Kay Wesley, Cllr Suzie Akers-Smith, Cllr Rob Moreton, Jo Money, Rachel McCarthy
2. **Notes of the 5 May meeting:** Approved.
3. **Merchandise Update:**
Badges, magnets and tea towels selling well. Key rings are slow moving, possibly due to the poor quality. Option to use as giveaways at schools exhibition.
4. Update & issues on below CTC events:

a.) Medieval Festival in Congleton Park

Things we can take on board from Jubilee:

Attendance was in the thousands! Visitor numbers for Medieval are expected to be even higher, so the event doesn't need to be marketed outside Congleton. An influx of visitors from outside the catchment area poses greater complications around travel and car parking (we don't have the facilities for park n ride) and max numbers/H&S in the park. To control numbers, explore free tickets on Eventbrite.

D.Brown asked the group to address max nos in the park and suggested a meeting with the CEC Safety Officer. **ACTION: JMAC and RMc arrange a meeting with A.Latham, CEC.**

Jousting arena to be barriered off. Lost children's tent with dedicated staff (contact local nurseries). More volunteers (investigate running a recruitment event). More toilets and a second first aid point, hire a skip. Some visitors offered to make a donation - under the remit of his role, the Catchpole with assistants could collect on the day.

ACTION: JMAC apply for collection licence. Identify potential candidates to assist the catchpole.

JU will make additional costumes.

b.) 'Behind Closed Doors' Exhibition

JU advised more costumes are required. **ACTION: JMAC/RM order dresses off Amazon.**
Timetable of volunteers required.

JU requested a sample noticeboard to work on at home. JU to meet with Celeste to discuss printing requirements. **ACTION: JMAC order x10 boards.**

8 of the 9 sessions have been booked by schools.

Gingerbread to eat on the day – **ACTION: JMAC liaise with the Commercial Partner. Send ingredients list to schools to check for allergies.**

A sealed charter was also discussed to present to the children.

Seats are needed for the court scene. Benches would be ideal.

ACTION: DC contact the Leisure Centre to see what happened to their benches. Bring in the mayor's chair.

VIP night, Mon 4 July – ACTION: JMAC co-ordinate invites to sponsors, teachers, councillors, burgesses, volunteers & their families.

SF emailed the high schools ref the essay competition.

John Picken has quoted £1700 for the shed.

Discussion over the long-term storage of the Diorama. Jenny can't and doesn't want to keep it! Jenny has received an offer to sell. The group gave their full support to this. Another option could be to display it in a public place either the library or TMC (formerly B&M). The display would need to be fully protected ideally with Perspex. **DC to explore.**

c.) Ale Trail

JMAC gave an update - Daz is working on the design and Mark Rogan is taking the pics. Leaflet will be based on the 'What Pub Guide Template'.

JMAC will produce a 'Coming Soon' flier for the F&D Festival.

Ale Trail t-shirt – anyone can purchase regardless of whether they have completed the trail or self-selected pubs to visit.

d.) Beer Festival

RMc & JMAC arrange a meeting with Mark Bailey (Commercial Partner).

g) Medieval Banquet at Town Hall

ACTION: SAS confirm menu costings with Mark Bailey asap so ticket sales can commence.

JMAC advised the ticket price is likely to be around £30 with 120 max no's. Daz will design an official ticket.

5. AOB:

- a.) Priesty Path Walk** – tickets are selling well. Rev Anne Marie Naylor is due to come into town in medieval dress to promote and sell tickets.
- b.) Medieval council meeting, 10 Nov** – approved by the Chief Officer. Items for inclusion could include sending people to the stocks and reports from the Ale Taster (no of pubs supported, pints sold, boost to the economy etc.) and Catchpole (funds raised).

Date of next meeting: Thursday 14 July 2022 at 11am, Spencer Suite, Town Hall.

CTC 750 Working Group

Thursday 14 July 11am-12.30pm In person & Zoom

Attendees: Cllr David Brown, Cllr Margaret Gartside, Cllr Kay Wesley, Jenny Unsworth, Jo Money, Jackie MacArthur, Rachel McCarthy, Debbie Coxon

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Suzy Firkin, Cllr Suzie Akers-Smith, Cllr Rob Moreton
2. **Notes of the 9 June meeting:** Approved.
3. Update & issues on below CTC events:

a.) Behind Closed Doors Review

JU was very pleased with the success of the event and thanked all those who participated. The group recognised Jenny and her team for their outstanding efforts. Seven schools attended reaching almost 400 children. 80 people attended the ticketed talk and a further 220 people visited the public session.

The budget was £4K, total spend: £4157.84. The largest expense was Town Hall hire and purchase of the noticeboards. Jenny's time and expenditure is not included in this figure. Prickly Peach were commissioned to produce a short video. Nino filmed content for the Heritage Festival.

Action: JU/JMAC send schools the slides.

DC write follow up press release.

The future of the Diorama was discussed. The group are committed to keeping the model in Congleton. JU has agreed to store it back at her house temporarily.

Action: Find a place to re-house it and the funds to protect it (no surplus in the 750 budget).

Ale Festival could be a potential income generator.

Suggested locations to contact: Museum (**KW**), Library (**MG**), Riverside (**KW**), Meadowside. Congleton Glass quoted £2K for the glass screen. Model will need to be in situ first before the glass casing can be installed.

b.) Medieval Festival

RMC ran through the list of confirmed acts. x8 F&D stalls booked, aiming for x12.

Extra toilets and crowd control barriers booked. Car parking arranged with Siemens and Beresfords. JMAC advised the event budget is £10K, total spend so far is £12,800.

JU has made x20 costumes for the children's dress up zone. This area needs to be assigned to a dedicated volunteer/s on the day. JU making flags to decorate the park. Poles funded by Rotary.

ACTION: DB contact the Fire Station to invite them to attend. Opportunity to use the stocks to raise funds for their nominated charity.

Licence has been granted to collect donations toward the Town Mayor's charities. MG looking for a youth group to circulate with collection buckets. Needs to be kept separate from the volunteer team. **ACTION: RMC check stock of buckets.** Procedures need to be finalised over the safe keeping of monies during the event.

c.) Medieval Banquet at the Town Hall

120 tickets available. X15 allocated to volunteers FOC. Interest registered for x45. SAS and JMAC met with Mark Bailey to confirm costings. The food will cost £15pp, ticket price calculated at £32. The group discussed increasing the price to £35, this was still considered a reasonable cost in return for the package of food and live entertainment. The additional revenue will go back into the 750 pot. Everyone was in agreement.

d.) Ale Trail

In the design stages with Daz who is currently on holiday. The Ale Taster is away until early August. Launch date planned for mid August before the Medieval Festival.

JMAC: check with Jess if the Ale Trail T-shirt can be sold via Spreadshirt. £220 worth of merchandise was sold at the LHE.

JM has promoted the Ale Trail within the Jazz & Blues programme.

e.) Medieval council meeting, 10 Nov

Councilors in medieval dress. Featuring reports from the Mayor, Ale Taster (no of pubs supported, pints sold, boost to the economy etc.) and Catchpole (funds raised). Thank you to volunteers and closure on the year long celebrations. Good publicity opportunity.

5. AOB:

a.) Priesty Path Walk - enjoyed by 40 walkers. Astbury Church put on fantastic activities. Funds raised tbc.

b.) Heritage trail – produced independently by Mike Tingle, funded through a Heritage Lottery grants. X250 copies in the CIC. Obtain a quote from CHS if a reprint is required.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 4 August 2022 at 11am, Spencer Suite, Town Hall.

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL
COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

COMMITTEE:	Community & Environment		
MEETING DATE AND TIME	28 July 2022 7.00pm	LOCATION	Town Hall
REPORT FROM	Jackie MacArthur - Communities and Marketing Manager and Deputy Chief Officer On behalf Congleton Town Council's 750 Year Celebration Working Group		
AGENDA ITEM REPORT TITLE	19 Update on the 750 Year Celebration Activities		
Background	<p>This year Congleton is celebrating 750 years since the Town gained its first charter.</p> <p>This paper has been written to record and inform councillors of the events that have already taken place, and to update on events still being planned and organised. The paper is for information.</p>		
Further information	<p>Beating the Bounds - A 10 mile walk around the boundaries of Congleton using accessible footpaths. Date: Sunday April 10th 2022 - walked by just under 300 people.</p> <p>Cost: £647</p> <p>Feedback: Successful day, some raised funds for local charities. £250 raised through entrance fees (£1) for the Town Mayor's charities. As a legacy there is a self-guided Beating the Bounds Walk in the Tourist Information Centre</p> <p style="text-align: center;">****</p> <p>Lamppost Banners on Mountbatten Way and West Street - 33 banners erected for a year along Mountbatten Way and on West Street Roundabout to help decorate the town.</p> <p>Cost £7857— cost raised by sponsorship of 31 flags £7750 - no Town Council funds</p> <p style="text-align: center;">****</p> <p>Banners on shops in the Town Centre</p> <p>This project was carried out by Congleton Community Projects and the funds raised by a grant from a National Heritage Grant. Congleton Town Council paid for the fitting and items needed for the fitting to walls.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">****</p>		

Appointing an Ale Taster - Advertised for the role first authorised in 1272.

Interviewed 4 people (28 applied). Appointment gained national interest with coverage on ITN, Channel 5, BBC NW, Radio Stoke, National Guardian, Cheshire Life as well as lots of local press. Costume gifted by Jenny Unsworth.

No costs involved in the appointment.

Jubilee Picnic in the Park 2nd June 2022 although not part of the 750 Year celebrations, this was part of the package when the Town Council gave a separate budget head for 750 Year events.

Cost £4464 (£1500 grant money- £240 in pitch sales) - **Cost to Town Council £2924**

Amazing day in the park to celebrate the Queen's 70th jubilee. Estimated 7,000 attendees. Free entry, lots of positive coverage on social media and in the press.

Living History Event – Behind Closed Doors 4th – 10th July 2022. – an event to help people to understand what life in Congleton would have been like in 1272 and how the town may have looked.

Attended by 400 school children, plus 50 people at the preview, 80 at a ticketed talk on the Friday evening and 220 at a public open session on Saturday 10th July.

Star of the show was a wonderful diorama imagined by Jenny Unsworth, created by Jenny and friends and family and sponsored by Jenny and John Unsworth,

A video has been made of the diorama which we hope to show at Committee.

Cost £4157 - minus ticket and brochure sales.

Ale Trail -using the Ale Taster to promote real ale sellers in Congleton – to launch early August.

Producing a leaflet and creating some attention for the 29 venues that sell real ale in Congleton.

Cost Estimated at £800

Medieval Festival in Congleton Park - 13th August 12-6pm

Centre piece to the celebrations - Jousting, falconry displays, 15-foot smoke breathing dragon, axe throwing, fire dancing, medieval music, giant craft tent, dragon quest, food and drink stalls. This promises to be a really memorable day in Congleton Park. Free Tickets available via Eventbrite (3,000) and Congleton Information Centre (2,000). Keeping the marketing simple as we would like this celebration to be aimed at our local residents.

Estimated cost: Once fee pitches and programme sales obtained £10k

	<p style="text-align: center;">*****</p> <p>Medieval Banquet – 30th September</p> <p>Celebration in Congleton Town Hall. Tickets £32. 60 tickets already accounted for. It is anticipated that this event will cover its costs via ticket sales.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p> <p>Beer Festival – 29- 30 October</p> <p>This is still in the planning stage but being worked out in anticipation of the event making a profit which can be set against the 750 Year Celebration budget.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p> <p>Medieval Council – November 10th 7-9pm</p> <p>This will round up the year-long events and will also serve as a thank you to the many people and sponsors who have helped to make the year possible.</p> <p>Cost: Anticipate £500 may be required</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p> <p>Funds have also been used on general promotion for the event – Charter Bear, bunting for the Pedestrian area, leaflets, posters, shop front vinyl and banners.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p> <p>Congleton Information Centre invested in merchandise – tea towels, mugs, fridge magnets, posters, pin badges, keyrings, pens and pencils – most of which are selling well.</p>
Financial implications	This project is currently on budget
Environmental Considerations	As will all events, efforts are being made to be sustainable.
Equality and Inclusivity considerations	Every effort is being made to make sure that events are inclusive and that there are no barriers to anyone who wishes to attend an event.
Proposal	<p>To note the report and to write a letter of thanks to Jenny and John Unsworth for the remarkable diorama that they sponsored for Congleton.</p> <p>To seek a permanent home for the diorama before the autumn so that it can be kept in Congleton.</p>