

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

COMMITTEE:	Community and Environment Committee		
MEETING DATE AND TIME	30 th January 2020	LOCATION	Congleton Town Hall
REPORT FROM	Rachel McCarthy, Town Centre and Events Officer and Jackie MacArthur, Communities and Marketing Manager/Deputy Chief Officer		
AGENDA ITEM REPORT TITLE	19 Congleton Events Calendar for 2023		
Background	<p>This paper is provided to give Members an update on the larger public events taking place in Congleton in 2023 along with details of the organisers. It also contains details of events in discussions for the coming year and beyond. It does not include details of charity events, concerts, performances, displays and exhibitions. As we become aware of these events they are included on the What's on Calendar on the Town Council website.</p>		
Calendar of Events	<p style="text-align: center;">Key Events –Main Events</p> <p>Strictly High Tea Dance – Congleton Town Mayor Fund Raiser (Feb 26) Organised by Congleton Town Council, a more affordable fund raiser than the Mayor's Ball for 2023</p> <p>Congleton Swimathon (March) – organised by Congleton Rotary and raising funds for charities</p> <p>Congleton Unplugged (March 10 -12) - run by the Congleton Live Community Interest Company. 40 gigs in a wide range of Congleton Town Centre venues. Free for the public.</p> <p>Congleton Well-Being Fayre (March 28) – organised by the Congleton Partnership bringing lots of groups involved in Health and Wellbeing into the Town Hall for a public event.</p> <p>Easter Activities (April) – Hop around the Shops Easter Trail run by the Town Council from 3 April to 17 April. Easter Treats day – games in the Town Centre on April 4</p> <p>Easter Service in the Town Centre – Good Friday – Churches partnership.</p> <p>Local Elections –(May 4) - organised by Cheshire East Council</p> <p>Coronation Picnic in the Park (May 8) large free picnic in the park with entertainment, food, drink and games to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III</p>		

	<p>Annual Town Meeting (May 18) - organised by Congleton Town Council, public meeting for the electorate</p> <p>Annual Town Council Meeting and Mayor Making (May 25) - Election of the 2023/24 Mayor, Organised by Town Council</p> <p>Food and Drink Festival (June 11) now in its 14th year – organised by Congleton Community Projects along with a dedicated Food and Drink team. This year the group has invested a great deal of time in making the event more environmentally friendly.</p> <p>Congleton Duck Race (June 25) – organised by Congleton Lions – fundraiser.</p> <p>Congleton Pride (July 22) – organised by Congleton Pride Group. Town Centre all-day event and an evening event.</p> <p>Play Day (August 15) – organised by Community Projects and the Town Council to celebrate National Play Day – games in the Town Centre and a chance to promote summer holiday activities and play areas.</p> <p>Jazz and Blues Festival (August 26-27) – Organised by Jazz and Blues group volunteer team. Attracts thousands of people to Congleton's pubs and venues for some excellent music. Now in its 11th year.</p> <p>Green Fayre (September 30) – Organised by Congleton Town Council/ Congleton Partnership. Free event in the Town Centre and Town Hall promoting environmentally friendly activities, products and life styles.</p> <p>Congleton Half Marathon (October 1) – organised by Congleton Harriers – raises money for good causes and attracts around 500 runners. Now in its 36th year.</p> <p>Congleton Beer and Gin Festival (October 6-8) TBC and Congleton Town Council to take the lead.</p> <p>Congleton Bonfire and Fireworks (November 4) – organised by Congleton Rotary raising funds for local charities.</p> <p>Congleton Remembrance Sunday (November 12) – organised by Congleton Town Council and supported by the Congleton branch of the Royal British Legion</p> <p>Congleton Christmas Lights and switch-on (November 24) organised by Congleton Town Council, Congleton Community Projects and a team of volunteers.</p> <p>Tree of Light (December) organised by Congleton Rotary. Raising funds for local charities. Tree now in a permanent location in the Community Garden.</p> <p>In addition there will be 12 Makers Markets taking place in the pedestrian area on the last Saturday of the month. The Town Council can offer two free of charge community stalls at each market.</p>
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	<p>A monthly Repair Café is held on the last Saturday of the month at Old Saw Mill hosts a</p> <p>There will be a number of activities around the North West in Bloom 2023 competition. In Bloom creates its own events such as two kids plant up events per year.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Unique to 2023</p> <p>Triathlon: Congleton Town Mayor held a Sprint Triathlon in 2017, 18 and 19. This was paused in 2020 due to expected Leisure Centre works, with the idea that when the Leisure Centre was complete this would be reintroduced. Early discussions are being looked at for June 2023.</p> <p>Congleton Leisure Centre Opening – Anticipate the Cheshire East/ Everybody Leisure will be arranging an event to mark the opening of this facility.</p> <p>Green Calendar – there is a separate Green Calendar with monthly activities to promote during the year, the aim to create more events to coincide with the actions being highlighted that week, or to reflect the call to action.</p>
Proposal	To note this report and to act on any actions raised in the Committee Meeting.