

## **Events Meeting update from Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

We recapped on The Love Your Burial Ground volunteer session, and noted that it wasn't well-attended, however we would like to hold another volunteer session in July to see if there is more interest.

The Well-being Week Comms posts were deemed to be successful, and it was good to see a different post going out every day. Our Thanks to Laura for putting this together. It was also positively noted that the Sports Hub did posts each day too.

Open Sports Day – wasn't held last month due to time constraints. Try again one Saturday in September (or October) depending on availability. Cllr Saunders to talk to Recreation Ground Charity to see about field availability. Once a date is sorted, we can ask around the sports and exercise groups. Sports Hub would be happy to open alongside.

Discussed the Wellbeing Clinic and we feel it could tie in with the Warm Spaces Coffee Mornings in Oct-January. Sports Hub may look at doing something alongside the exercise bikes as a healthy lifestyle/fitness session.

Discussed upcoming and potential future volunteer days:

- The council lead litter-pick as part of National Recycling Week in September, we will discuss more at next meeting, maybe get the School and Scouts involved.
- Rewilding project will have volunteer sessions once the nesting season is over.
- Village Hall will also be arranging volunteer sessions around weeding the outdoor areas and painting in the foyer.

Upcoming and potential future events:

- Library are doing the Summer reading challenge, as confirmed at last Library meeting.
- VJ Day – Church holding an event later in the day (Friday), look at the possibility of doing flag-raising and the sip&social at the hub, then people flow to the Church. Cllr Shepherd to contact Rev Jane and Sports Hub to see what can be linked together.
- Bra-bank – Library requested the collection box to be in the foyer, but this was not felt to be an appropriate place. Suggest we go back to the library to see if a space can be available within the library. A Facebook post has shown that the collection box is not all that big.
- Arrange a visit to the Men's Shed in Bransby – put on hold until Cllr Waller is back from holiday as his idea.
- Remembrance Day poppy cascade. Need to put this out on social media if we stand any chance of getting enough poppies. This is a Church lead event. Cllr Shepherd to speak to Rev Jane about this. Maybe the afterschool group could do some craft poppies, and the Sports Hub to do a craft session.

- Recycling week – litter-picking, seed swap, composting information, village garage/garden sale trail. Need to put comms posts out in August, especially for the garage/garden sale. Possibly do plant sales, recycling crafts such as bird feeders from plastic bottles etc. Maybe the Sports Hub could accommodate this either inside or with tables outside.
- Look to doing an all-encompassing Saxilby Wildlife Group as part of our biodiversity and environmental awareness objectives. We could incorporate HOG within this if they were willing, but also look at helping/supporting other local wildlife. Talk to Wildline about the different local wildlife they get in. Liaise with Canal Trust regarding safe water exits for deer.
- Family fun day – to discuss the council stall at a later date.

Other events to discuss at a future meeting include Halloween Party, Christmas advent calendar, Christmas Light Switch-on. Need to liaise with Anglers, The Sun, Village Hall, Sports Hub, Church, etc, to see if we are all getting together to do a Christmas event.

Rachael talked about Dutch Football Exchange (Easter), they would like the Council to be involved. In previous years this has always been football led, but very much a council event, and the council should again play a more active part. An agenda has been shared, and we will be updated when they next have an Exchange meeting. The Easter Sunday may be an issue as Council did vote not to open the building on Easter Sunday.

Boxing day – Duck race and Sports Hub to open. Sports Hub to try and book sooner rather than later to ensure caretaker availability.

## Recommendations for Committee:

1. **Burial Ground Vol Session:** To agree for another Volunteer session at the Burial ground in July. Events group to propose dates to take to grounds team to agree (Council objective: Community. Engagement. Environment).
2. **Well-Being Clinic:** To recommend that the Well-Being Clinic be arranged in conjunction with Warm Spaces from October through to January and for events group to liaise with both parties and feedback (Council objective: Resident Well-being. Engagement).
3. **Open Sports Day** To agree an Open Sports Day to be Held in September/October – events group to confirm date with Recreation Ground Charity. Events group to request the Sports Hub be open for the duration and request for profits to be donated to MUGA RFF (there will be no hire charge as agreed at last full council) (Council objective: Community. Engagement).
4. **Garage/Garden Sale** To agree to support a garage/garden sale trail as part of National Recycling Week in September. Social media posts will need to go out early August, so residents have time to get organised, with events group to organise. Comms to support. (Council objective: Community. Engagement. Environmental).
5. **Saxilby Wildlife Support Group:** That the committee support an all-encompassing Saxilby Wildlife Support Group, and for the events group to liaise with Wildline and other relevant organisations on how to protect and support local wildlife. To liaise with the HOG group to see if they wish to be incorporated into this (Council objectives: Environmental. Biodiversity. Community).
6. **Dutch Football Exchange:** To agree in-principle to have a more active role in the Dutch Football Exchange that will take place over Easter 2026 (e.g. such as welcoming the visitors and handing out medals). More information is due to follow later in the year when football meets to discuss this (Council objectives: Community. Engagement).
7. **Christmas Lights Switch-On Events Group:** Recommend an informal Christmas Events Group so interested parties/groups/organisations can share their planned events, which can then be co-ordinated into an overall community timetable for comms to promote, with the events group to lead and co-ordinate (Council objective: Community. Engagement).
8. **Comms:** For the events group to liaise with the admin assistant regarding comms posts required for the above events.

Update by Cllr Saunders.