

Events Meeting update from Wednesday 13th August 2025

We noted that the Burial Ground volunteer session will be held on the morning of Thursday 28th August between 10:00-12:00. A post has already gone out via comms.

The Bra bank is now in place within the library and is starting to be filled. We will liaise with comms to have regular posts, would also request that posts go in the Foss Focus, to the school, local shops and on the noticeboards to help raise awareness, maybe also in the ladies' toilets.

Cllr Saunders will be liaising with the office and the Wellbeing Clinic to put on sessions during Warm Spaces later in the year.

Discussed the action plan and order of service With Rev Jane for VJ Day.

The Chair of the Council is unable to attend, so Cllr E Bowden will be speaking on behalf of the council.

The field has now been booked for the Open Sports Day on Saturday 27th September between 11:00-17:00, with half an hour each way. The charge for the field will be £10.

The Sports Hub have confirmed they will be open and are getting the volunteers needed to run the bar. They are keen to have food vans during the event – jacket potatoes and ice-cream? They could provide us with relevant contact details if council agree.

Cllr E Bowden to work with the office to agree a post to go out to local sports and exercise groups.

Cllr Bridge has offered to bring a rowing machine down.

Discussed items for the council stall at the Fun Day. Query the NDP as not sure whether that group will have their own stall.

We aim to have information about the progress on the Muga, and a plan of Westcroft, with our aims for play/exercise equipment and relaxation areas. We also talked about a potential competition for children to design a play equipment area – could give out entry forms on the day (this would link in with the consultation).

Will have a selection of poppies on display with copies of knitting/crochet patterns available for people to take. Cllr Wheatley has offered to do a poppy making craft session to engage the children.

A resident has donated some teddies and occasion cards to help fundraise for the village. The Sports Hub suggested they do a teddy tombola to raise funds for Wildline. The Council can have cards for sale for the Westcroft project, Sports Hub may be able to sell them too and we could see if they can be available at the Warm Spaces session. Agreed price of £2.50 each, or 5 for £10.

Recommend that the Waterfront group have a separate stall as we have a lot going on, plus it will help them to encourage volunteers in readiness for next year.

With regards to the National Recycling Week. We will put a post together for the upcoming garage/garden sale – Date suggested Sunday 28th September. Agree wording with the office and arrange for it to go out on comms.

Aim to do the litter-picking days, need to agree the target areas, maybe put a post out to the residents for suggested areas.

Cllr Saunders to source recycled craft project ideas for posts to go out each day of the week (similar to the Wellbeing Week posts).

Other potential events – We have agreed there is not enough time to arranged summer craft events, instead we would like the council to support an Autumn/Halloween craft session. The Sports Hub have agreed to host – date suggested Saturday 11th October. They suggest having a booking system and various times similar to the Easter craft session.

Remembrance day is arranged via the office rather than the Events group but we recommend that Cllr E Bowden read the list of names out (she did last year).

We have agreed to start an informal Christmas working group once the Fun Day and Sports Day have been and gone. Will invite all relevant parties to join.

We will put together a post about the Christmas advent windows. Rev Jane suggested a quiz for the children could tie-in with that – will discuss more at a future meeting.

Recommendations for committee to resolve:

1. To note the update.
2. To invite councillors to attend the upcoming volunteer morning at the Burial Ground Thur 28 Aug 10am-Noon (Council objective: Community. Engagement. Environment.)
3. The Bra Bank to be advertised regularly in the Foss Focus, on noticeboards, in shops (if they are willing), in the toilet areas, and via the school (Council objective: Community. Engagement.)
4. Agree to the £10 hire charge of the field for the Open Sports Day from the events budget.
5. Agree for food vans to be at the Open Sports Day and to liaise with the Sports Hub on vendors.
6. Agree to having the rowing machine at the event. (Council objective: Community. Engagement.)
7. Agree the above-mentioned information/activities to be on the council stall at the Fun Day and the Waterfront group to have a separate stall. (Council objective: Community. Engagement. Environmental.)
8. Agree support the sale of the donated occasion cards, with money raised going towards the Westcroft project.
9. To agree a comms post about potential areas that would benefit from litter-picking (Council objective: Community, Engagement. Environmental.)
10. Agree for recycled project ideas to go out on comms throughout National Recycling Week. (Council objective: Engagement.)

11. Agree to support an Autumn/Halloween craft session for the children and work with the Sports Hub (note no hire fees as per council decision) (Council objective: Community. Engagement.)