

Events Working Group Update for Saxilby Parish Council

The Events Working Group met on 11 August 2026.

- The proposed MUGA official opening was discussed, with Friday 25 September 2026 identified as the preferred date. Aligning the opening with the September fundraiser would help increase attendance and support fundraising activities. The group is still awaiting confirmation of the MUGA completion date.
- The Yard Sale has been cancelled due to anticipated cold weather conditions and will be removed from the events calendar.
- The August Burial Ground volunteer session was cancelled because of prolonged hot weather and difficult ground conditions. Volunteers will be notified and a social media announcement will be issued.
- The July fundraiser raised £544.37 towards the Christmas Lights Switch-On. Planning for the next fundraiser at Westcroft on 25 September is underway. A sweets, chocolate and alcohol themed tombola was agreed, and donations of prizes and cakes are being sought.
- Planning for Family Fun Day continues. The site plan was reviewed,
- Event display materials are nearing completion. A health and safety issue was identified with the parish council display stand, which is currently unusable due to missing stabilising and locking components. Alternative display equipment will be sourced.
- The Westcroft Project will be promoted during Family Fun Day through the display of laminated plans. Community engagement activity is also being developed to support the project.
- Progress on the Christmas Lights Switch-On continues. Sponsorship discussions remain ongoing and the event bank account is now operational. A Section 137 grant application will be submitted to support costs associated with road closures and event management.
- The next Events Working Group meeting will take place on 8 September 2026 at 19:15 in the Community Centre Meeting Room.

Recommendations for Planning and Development Committee

1. MUGA Opening Date: Approve Friday, 25th September to align with the next scheduled fundraiser

Clerk recommends that this is referred to the MUGA working group to agree. As per agenda item P26/126 15

2. Local residents' involvement for MUGA Opening: Discuss which local figures and community members should be formally invited to participate in the official opening ceremony (suggested: Names redacted)

Clerk recommends that this should be referred to the MUGA working group to agree. As per agenda item P26/126 15.

3. Future P&D agenda Item: Add the Christmas Lights Switch-On 2027 to the September 2026 agenda

Clerk recommends that this subject be discussed after the current 2026 switch on and that it is brought to committee by the constituted Christmas lights group which has been recently set up as this is not a Parish Council event.

The clerk therefore recommends that the committee note the report.