

Title of Report	EVENTS UPDATE
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Financial Implications	There is significant underspend against the events budget 2020/21 due to the cancellation of events impacted by COVID-19. For events that are cancelled the forecasted income will not be achieved.
Purpose of Report	To update members with regards to 2020/21 events and projects funded within the Coalville Special Expenses Area
Recommendations	1) NOTE THE PROGRESS UPDATE ON 2019/20 EVENTS 2) NOTE THE PROGRESS UPDATE ON THE ARTWORK OPTIONS FOR NEEDHAMS WALK 3) THE WORKING PARTY SUPPORT THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF OPTIONS TWO AND THREE FOR THE ARTWORK AT NEEDHAMS WALK

1.0 EVENT PROGRAMME UPDATE FOR COALVILLE

1.1 2020/21 Event programme

The following event programme was due to be progressed; the delivery of the proposed events programme has been adjusted to ensure that delivery is undertaken in line with the current COVID19 guidance. Officers are observing guidance closely and future event planning will consider what adjustments can be made and implemented to allow events to go ahead. Timely decisions are made regarding event cancellation to ensure that financial losses are kept to a minimum.

The table below gives an update against each event.

2020/21 COALVILLE EVENTS	2020/21 Allocated budget	2020/21 Forecasted income (conservative estimate)	Status
22 April to 29 April – St George’s Day The installation of the English flag in various locations to celebrate St George’s Day	£100	n/a	Partial delivery – a flag was installed on Clock Tower flagpole
Saturday 20 June – Music in the Park A celebratory evening of music and entertainment in Coalville Park	£20000 £500 spent on the event (stage and pa deposit)	£2800	Cancelled
Sunday 21 June – Picnic in the Park An afternoon of entertainment and family fun including street entertainers in the performance area, live music and community groups			Cancelled

Friday 7 and Saturday 8 August – Coalville by the Sea Family event celebrating the Great British seaside	£4000	£500	Cancelled
Saturday 28 November – Christmas in Coalville Christmas entertainment, music, arts and produce	£9000	£600	Event planning to commence in July 2020 – subject to COVID19 guidance

1.2 EVENT PROGRAMME UPDATE – supported by the district council (non CSEWP funded)

The following events programme was scheduled for delivery in 2020/21, the delivery of the proposed events programme has been adjusted to ensure that delivery is undertaken in line with the current COVID19 guidance.

- 5 to 10 Feb The BIG Weekend in the National Forest (part of the Leicester Comedy Festival 2020) – event delivered

Update

The BIG Weekend in the National Forest, 600 people supporting nine performances in venues in Coalville and across the district. Coalville school children were involved in performances from Belvoirdale and All Saints Primary School. It is anticipated that Coalville venues attracted 50% of the participants

- Coalville May Fair – event postponed

Update

Event delivery postponed due to COVID19, the operator is keen to deliver a family funfair in Coalville at an appropriate time. As the location of the funfair is on Bridge Road car park, liaison with and permission from the owner of the car park is required.

- 4 to 11 May VE Day 75 – celebrations and commemorations – event cancelled

Update

Arrangements were put in place for elements of the event to be delivered virtually. A pre-recorded church service by Rev'd Gill Pinnington of Christ Church, Coalville was delivered. Opportunities to engage were communicated to local media, social media and via the district council. It is understood that a number of street parties (following social distancing guidelines) were held across the district. Residents were encouraged to send in their photographs and these were shared on the council's website.

- 5 to 20 September Hello Heritage (district wide event) – event delivery adjusted

Update

Work with Hello Heritage participants continues in the district and South Derbyshire. A series of temporary information panels are being developed by local heritage groups. During the Hello Heritage fortnight, these panels will be located in heritage sites of interest, with the aim of local residents and visitors viewing the boards.

We are working with Pudding Bag Productions to produce a 30 minute film of heritage sites across North West Leicestershire and South Derbyshire and a series of mini films for each venue/location (3-5 minute recordings). The film will be promoted during what would have been the Hello Heritage and will be a useful resource to promote our heritage sites and organisations in the future.

- September Coalville Colour Run – event cancelled
- 26 and 27 September Steampunk Festival – event delivery postponed until 2021
- 24 Oct Poppy Appeal Launch, Memorial Square – event delivery will be undertaken in line with COVID19 guidance. Current guidance would require the event to be delivered differently.
- 8 Nov Remembrance Service and Parade – event delivery will be undertaken in line with COVID19 guidance. A countywide meeting is scheduled for end of July. Current guidance would require the event to be delivered differently. District officers are currently considering plan A, B and C options for delivery.
- 11 Nov Armistice Day – event delivery will be undertaken in line with COVID19 guidance. A countywide meeting is scheduled for end of July. Current guidance would require the event to be delivered differently. District officers are currently considering plan A, B and C options for delivery.

2.0 COMMUNITY ART – NEEDHAMS WALK, COALVILLE

2.1 The meeting of CSEWP on 22 October resolved to investigate artwork options for Needhams Walk. The work has been progressed and a report prepared by Mantle Arts.

2.2 The purpose of the report was to explore the feasibility of an artwork corridor along Needhams Walk in Coalville. The full report is shown in appendix one.

2.3 The report detailed three options:

	Indicative budget
Option one: Suspended Artwork	£71,000
Option two: Permanent Sculpture Trail	£27,000
Option three: Ephemeral Installations/ Land Art	£17,000

2.4 Option one would be costly due to the lack of existing infrastructure. It is anticipated that the installation of suitable infrastructure will be more expensive than commissioning the artwork itself. This option is also vulnerable to weather and vandalism. Regular replacement of the artwork adds to the cost (significant op-going annual costs).

2.5 Option two is more economical to create and maintain. Much more variety in design is possible. It will still require maintenance and repair over the years but there will not be continuing installation costs.

2.6 Option three, a programme of ephemeral land art and other kinds of installation has the advantage of being more flexible and potentially more simply and easily installed and taken away.

2.7 Conclusion – Mantle Arts don't consider option one represents good value for money, and practical issues would limit its artistic variety and therefore impact. Option two or three are more achievable. The choice will ultimately be about permanence and will depend on what this project is primarily intended to achieve.

It would be advisable not to proceed with any of these options until the plans and timetable for the access and alterations to the Belvoir Shopping Centre are known. Any proposed works in this area might be impacted by these third party plans. The Belvoir Centre owners may also be considering public art as part of their development plans and therefore consultation with them will be important. A joint public art project may be a possibility.

2.8 Further work and investigation of option two and three should be considered. This will include discussions with the landowner and Belvoir Shopping Centre owners and the options for funding the artwork. It is anticipated that a funding contribution from CSEWP budget (2021/22 or 2022/23) will be required as match funding against any external funding that might be available.

3.0 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

3.1 The Christmas lights contract for 2020/21 has been extended for one year with our current contractor Field and Lawn. The decision to extend the contract for one year was taken due to the practicalities of contracting with a new provider due to COVID19 restrictions. We plan to tender a new contract for 2021/22 (five year contract).

4.0 COALVILLE SPECIAL EXPENSES COMMUNITY GRANT

4.1 The Coalville Special Expenses Community grant is to support and encourage a range of community activities, initiatives and events that meet the needs of residents in these wards: Coalville, Bardon, Snibston, Thringstone and Greenhill. You can apply for up to £250 no match funding is required. There is no deadline for this grant scheme.

4.2 A total of £1125.43 in grant expenditure was approved in 2019/20.

2019/20 grant applications received

Name of applicant	Project name	Amount applied for	Total Project Cost	Date of receipt	Approved/ Pending/ Withdrawn/ Unsuccessful	Comments
Coalville Drama Group	New trollies to transport chairs	£250	£285	28.03.19	Successful	Application received in 2018/19 but not approved until 2019/20 finance year so taken from that budget.
Heartland Youth for Christ	Satellite			23.04.19	Unsuccessful	Did not meet the grant criteria
Without Walls Christian Fellowship	The Singing Café	£250	£4,682.33	17.06.19	Successful	
Moweth Peer Support Group	"Keep us going"	£250	£483.60	09.07.19	Unsuccessful	Project was not sustainable. Alternative support offered

Thringstone Miners Social Centre	Social Bingo for the isolated and vulnerable	£127.50	£127.50	07.10.19	Successful	
Friends of Coalville Park	Coalville Park Wildlife Box Trail	£250	£251.01	14.10.19	Successful	
Friends of Greenhill Tenants Association	Greenhill Family Christmas Party	£247.93	£247.93	19.11.19	Successful	

4.3 The 2020/21 grant programme is currently suspended due to council resources being directed to the delivery of critical and essential services. It is anticipated that the grant scheme will be reinstated in August.

4.4 The following applications were received in 2019/20, however the additional information required was not been received before the financial year end. The applications will now be considered in the 2020/21 financial year and will be processed when the grant scheme is reinstated.

Name of applicant	Project name	Amount applied for	Total Project Cost	Date of receipt	Approved/ Pending/ Withdrawn/ Unsuccessful	Comments
Coalville Community Action Zone	Brighter Coalville	£245.60	£245.60	11.11.19	Pending	Applicant asked to resubmit their application, not yet received.
Coalville Drama Group	New partitions for stage	£250.00	£280.00	23.02.20	Pending	Has not yet been assessed fully as originally sent on wrong form – was not resubmitted until April when all work on the grants were suspended and the full review could not take place.

5.0 GREEN SHOOTS SCHEME AND FREE TREE SCHEME

The Communities team have made the decision that the Green Shoots Scheme will not be delivered this year. It feels appropriate to focus on other areas of work, including getting the grants started back up with the recruitment of the Community Focus Support Officer (currently being advertised) and planning for the Free Tree Scheme. The scheme will be back in bloom in 2021!

Due to COVID-19 work matters taking priority and the recruitment of the Community Focus Support Officer who delivers the Free Tree Scheme (FTS), it has been agreed with

the National Forest Company that the FTS could be postponed and the coordination of the project can start late autumn with the tree collection date to be in February 2021.