

**NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**COALVILLE SPECIAL EXPENSES WORKING PARTY –  
TUESDAY, 2 JUNE 2026**



<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>EVENTS UPDATE 2026/27</b>
<b>Presented by</b>	Paul Wheatley Head of Property and Regeneration
<b>Background Papers</b>	None.
<b>Financial Implications</b>	There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. All proposals are within the 2026/27 events budget. <b>Signed off by the Acting Section 151 Officer: Yes</b>
<b>Legal Implications</b>	None. <b>Signed off by the Interim Monitoring Officer: Yes</b>
<b>Staffing and Corporate Implications</b>	Staff resources are used to manage and deliver the adopted events programme with the associated costs charged to the Special Expenses budget. <b>Signed off by the Head of Paid Service: Yes</b>
<b>Purpose of Report</b>	To present an update of the 2026/27 events programme.
<b>Recommendations</b>	<b>THAT THE WORKING PARTY NOTES:</b>  <b>1) THE PROGRESS UPDATE ON 2026/27 EVENTS.</b>

**1. 2026/2027 EVENTS PROGRAMME**

1.1 The 2026/27 events programme has been set against the budget allocated within the Coalville Special Expenses budget.

1.2 The 2026/2027 events programme is as below:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Allocated budget</b>	<b>Target income</b>	<b>Status</b>
23 April 2026	St George's Day	Installation of St George flag at Memorial Clock Tower (installed 22 April, taken down 29 April)	£100	NIL	Delivered
4 and 5 July 2026	Music and Picnic in the Park	A weekend of family focused entertainment and activities in Coalville Park. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An afternoon of sports activities (Saturday)</li> <li>• An evening of song, music,</li> </ul>	£20,000	£2,000	Advanced planning

		performance and entertainment (Saturday) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A family fun day in Coalville Park, featuring a main stage, music, performances, entertainment, activities, workshops, stalls, food and drink (Sunday)</li> </ul>			
28 Nov 2026	Christmas in Coalville	A day of Christmas festivities in Coalville town centre	£14,600	£1,000	Planning
28 Nov 2026 to 3 Jan 2027	Coalville Christmas Decorations	Town centre Christmas decorations, comprising of lamp post mounted decorations (where permitted), bespoke decorations on Memorial Clock Tower, pea lights in trees (High Street and Memorial Square) and one large Christmas tree in Memorial Square (Nordmann variety as 2025)	£30,000	NIL	Advanced planning – installation contract agreed until January 2027

1.3 **Music and Picnic in the Park, 4 and 5 July** – plans for the event are advanced and all arrangements are in place to deliver the event. The event will take place over two days in Coalville Park. Music in the Park will take place on Saturday 4 July, 4pm to 9.30pm and Picnic in the Park on Sunday 5 July, 12pm to 5.30pm.

1.3.1 The programme arrangements for Music in the Park includes: a main stage, featuring St Clare’s Primary School choir, Carter and Hartmann duo (classic rock and 80s covers) and Twist of Rock (rock, pop and country covers).

The food and drink offer includes: Caribbean cuisine, woodfired pizza, coffee, ice cream and bar offering alcoholic and non-alcoholic refreshments.

Attractions include a vintage carousel and street performers (stilt walkers, bubbles and balloons).

1.3.2 This year the Saturday event has been extended by two hours, starting at 4pm through to 9.30pm, this is based on feedback in recent years and people coming to the park during the late afternoon.

1.3.3 The programme arrangements for Picnic in the Park includes: a main stage – featuring Sing for the Soul Choir, Leicestershire Coop Band, Thornley Dance Academy, Part Time Heros (rock and pop covers) and High Pressure (80s and 90s covers), a climbing wall, Table football world cup zone, craft workshop, street performers (stilt walkers, bubbles and balloons), stalls, charitable stalls (tombola etc.), food and refreshments.  
Fair rides include a vintage carousel and two rides suitable for small children.

1.3.4 The event infrastructure (main stage and toilets) and security and first aid service providers have all been booked.

1.3.5 Sponsorship has not been forthcoming from Everyone Active this year, who have generously sponsored the event since 2021. They have encouraged us to

contact them again for the 2027 event, as they remain committed to supporting Music and Picnic in the Park.

- 1.4 **Coalville Sport, Saturday 4 July 12.30pm - 3.30pm** – a new event will be delivered by the Council's Health and Wellbeing Team, in partnership with Coalville sports clubs and organisations.

Building on the 'Friends of Coalville Park Community Day' which was delivered in 2024 and 2025, Coalville Sport is new for 2026 and inspired by the well-established and popular annual Ashby Sport event.

Families will have the opportunity to learn more about what sports Coalville has to offer, how they can get involved and have a go at a new sport. A variety of sports clubs and recreational groups and organisations will be attending.

- 1.5 **Christmas light** decorations this year will include: a Nordmann Christmas tree (the same species as the 2025 tree) in Memorial Square, decorations on the four faces of Memorial Clock Tower, pea lights in permanent trees in Memorial Square and High Street and pole mounted decorations on lamp posts in Memorial Square, Ashby Road, Hotel Street, Marlborough Square and Jackson Street.

- 1.5.1 The town centre decorations will also include the artificial trees (Marlborough Square) and boa wraps (Belvoir Road) and a Nordmann Christmas tree for Marlborough Square. The maintenance, installation and take down of these decorations is funded by the Council's general fund (Economic Regeneration budget) as they relate to the Council's Coalville Regeneration Framework initiatives.

- 1.5.2 Works are scheduled to start on the Marlborough Centre in October, so the six Christmas tree brackets, accommodating the artificial trees will be removed from the Betfred, Yellow Cabs, Subway and Domino premises ahead of works. In 2026 it is suggested therefore that the six artificial trees be used in a different location, perhaps on Hotel Street and High Street to add greater impact to the current existing tree light scheme. The Christmas lighting allocated to the lamp post column outside Domino's, also impacted by the Marlborough Centre works, will be installed on an alternative column in the Square.

- 1.6 **Christmas in Coalville** will take place on Saturday 28 November, at a revised time of 11am until 7pm. This, it is hoped, will encourage greater footfall into the early evening economy and offer a late-night opening opportunity for town centre businesses.

- 1.6.1 Event planning is already well underway. It should be noted:

- a) A significant amount of the budget is already committed with regards infrastructure, stage, PA system etc.
- b) The use of the preferred venues of Belvoir Shopping Centre (BSC) and Needham's Walk car park are subject to receiving formal written permission from Gylo, already requested.
- c) It is proposed that the following locations will be used:

- i. **Marlborough Square** – main stage for live music and performances throughout the day, including the Christmas Light Switch On itself at 6pm, food and drink traders, Santa’s Grotto, street performers and entertainers. Most of the Square will remain available again, as last year to create a safe space to accommodate the audience throughout the day/evening. Outside seating will also again be put outside Newmarket throughout the day, to support the food and drink traders and to provide entertainment seating.

The road closure arrangements are already in place.

- ii. **Belvoir Shopping Centre** – Christmas market with local crafters and makers, food and drink traders, street performances, music and entertainment.
  - iii. **Needham’s Walk car park** – Funfair and attractions to include, if possible, also a synthetic ice rink.
  - iv. **Market Hall car park** – to be used as a car park.
- d) **Christmas Window Competitions** – The Christmas window competitions were well received last year and the same competitions: Best Dressed Window and Best Illuminated Business will be organised again this year. Windows are to be dressed for launch of the competition on Saturday 28 November.
  - e) **Christmas Trail** – Launch of the popular Find the Elf Christmas Trail on Saturday 28 November, in liaison with local businesses, which will run throughout December to encourage footfall and visitors to shop locally throughout the town centre over the festive period.

1.6.2 Further event updates will be presented to the next CSEWP meeting on 18 August 2026.

<b>Policies and other considerations, as appropriate</b>	
Council Priorities:	Planning and regeneration
Policy Considerations:	None.
Safeguarding:	None.
Equalities/Diversity:	None.
Customer Impact:	The provision of events and festive lighting, creating pride in our town centres.
Economic and Social Impact:	Additional expenditure generated within a defined area, as a direct consequence of staging events. Access for all to local free and affordable events.
Environment, Climate Change and Zero Carbon	Supporting the Zero Carbon agenda through the delivery of local events and renewing Christmas lighting stock to reduce energy consumption.
Consultation/Community/Tenant Engagement:	Events promoted through websites, social media channels, bi-annual Coalville Town Centre Event Guide and local community publications.
Risks:	None identified.
Officer Contact	Paul Wheatley Head of Regeneration and Property Services <a href="mailto:paul.wheatley@nwleicestershire.gov.uk">paul.wheatley@nwleicestershire.gov.uk</a>