

Village Events

Overview

Councillor Spademan and Council employees have a desire to deliver events to engage the community and promote the Parish Council. Ideas suggested include a summer treasure hunt for children and a scarecrow competition.

Clipstone Welfare have set a date for a festive event on 25 November 2023 to include the Council's festive lights being switched on.

Proposed events

Summer holiday treasure hunt concept – laminated pages to be displayed in local business and around the village. Children to follow clues to locations and collect letters while learning facts about the village. Collected letters to be unscrambled into a word. Completed entries to be handed in at the Village Hall, and a random winner to be drawn with a prize(s) available. Clipstone Welfare are hosting a night market on Friday 28th July 4pm to 9pm, and this may be an appropriate time to promote the treasure hunt in addition to sharing on social media and to local groups and schools.

Scarecrow competition concept – to be publicised to residents to create a scarecrow and display at their home or business. A photo to be tagged to Council's Facebook page. Local business to be canvassed to donate prizes (for example take away food voucher). Judging to be conducted and prizes awarded.

A festive light switch on community event has been scheduled for 25 November 2023 at Clipstone Welfare. The event will include market stalls, a school choir, brass band performance, children's entertainment, a fairground and a fireworks display. Clipstone Welfare representatives have expressed an interest in Council sponsoring or making a donation to the event.

The 2023-2024 events budget is £2500 of which £732 remains (at 21 June 2023).

Festive lighting Quotation

Council owns 22 LED column displays which are mounted to lamp posts along Mansfield Road during the festive season. Additionally 3 deciduous trees on Mansfield Road in front of the shops have previously been lit, however these lights are now beyond repair and were not useable in the 2022-2023 festive period.

Council has an ongoing contract with a festive light provider which includes testing, refurbishment, delivery and collection, installation and subsequent removal of the 22 LED column displays (including storage and insurance). The quote for the 2023-2024 festive season is £3,630 plus VAT.

A quote for the replacement of lights on 3 deciduous trees on Mansfield Road has been received from Council's festive light provider. To supply 1,200 no. 24v cool white LED mini

bulbs, would cost £540 per tree x 3 trees = £1,620 in total. Additionally, to remove and scrap the existing tree lights then install new tree lights (assuming the power supply is in full working order and complies to current regulations), would cost £1,800 total. Total costs in year one for deciduous tree lighting is £3,420 + VAT. An ongoing tidy up of the lights each subsequent year, would cost £350 per annum.

Council may consider the purchase additional LED columns to lengthen the light display along Mansfield Road. This is likely to require RCD upgrade works to the additional lampposts. To purchase additional LED column displays to match the existing design would cost £675 each plus VAT (based on an outright purchase agreement).

Investigations are to be made for lights suitable to be displayed near the roundabout on Cavendish estate.

The 2023-2024 budget for festive lighting is £9000 which includes projected energy costs for the display.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the quote for the testing, installation and removal of LED lighting columns for the 2023-2024 festive season of £3,630 plus VAT is approved.

It is recommended that Council consider the quote to light the 3 deciduous trees on Mansfield Road.

It is recommended that Council consider purchasing further LED columns to extend the display on Mansfield Road.

To welcome village event suggestions, agree village events and decide a budget for each event as appropriate.