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# Hythe Town Council

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Report number F&GP/40/20

To Hythe Town Council  
Date 1 April 2021  
Status **Non Exempt**  
Responsible officer Responsible Financial Officer

Subject **REVIEW OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REPORT  
F&GP/40/20**

**SUMMARY:** This report provides an update on the intended activities of the Community Engagement working group and recommends the Committee review in accordance with good practice.

## **REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION:**

The Committee is asked to agree the recommendations set out below because:-

- a) The Council is committed to creating socially stronger, more confident and integrated communities.
- b)

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 1. To receive and note the report F&GP/40/20**
- 2. To instruct the Town Clerk as from 1 May 2021 to construct a Quarterly Community Magazine Newsletter.**

## **INTRODUCTION**

At the F&GP meeting on 15 October 2020 a Community Engagement Working Group was formed min no 160/20. The events the Town Council have agreed to celebrate and will be advertised on the Town Councils website were submitted in report F&GP/33/20 at the meeting on 25 February 2021 min no 263/20 this was ratified at Council on 4 March 2021 min no 273/20.

The Working Group met on 19 March 2021 and have organised the first events of the season taking into account government guidelines.

Items discussed;

- The introduction of a Quarterly Community Magazine Newsletter to help qualify for the Gold Standard Council award.
- Once the High Street is allowed to open, a proposal to run a High Street Gallery project in June.
- To book the undercroft at the Town Hall adhering to Government guidelines for April and May events listed below;

- i. **17 April 2021 – Introduce forthcoming events (rule of 6)**
- ii. **22 April 2021 – World Earth Day (rule of 6)**
- iii. **9 May 2021 – Garden Day**
- iv. 12 May 2021 – International Nurse Day
- v. 10-16 May 2021 – Mental Health week
- vi. **17 May 2021 – National Vegetarian Week**
- vii. **20 May 2021 – World Bee Day**
- viii. 22 May 2021 – International Day for Biological Diversity

Those items not in bold will be celebrated via the website and social media only. Events typed in bold will be held at the Town Hall undercroft.

## **SUMMARY**

The Committee is asked to note the events as the working group would like to encourage all Hythe Councillors to participate. These events are non – political and will focus on Hythe as a community.

## **RISK MANAGEMENT**

A summary of the perceived risk follows;

<b>Perceived Risk</b>	<b>Seriousness</b>	<b>Likelihood</b>	<b>Preventative Action</b>
The Council does not engage with its residents and consequently the community are not made aware of how the Council are representing them.	High	Low	The Community Engagement Working group organise events to include the community.

## **CONTACT OFFICER**

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