

**NONSUCH PARK JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
25 JANUARY 2016**

EVENTS IN THE PARK

Report of the: Head of Operational Services

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Urgent Decision?(yes/no) No

If yes, reason urgent decision required:

Annexes/Appendices (attached):

Other available papers (not attached):

REPORT SUMMARY

To note the approved events for 2016 and to request permission for two new events to be held in the Park.

RECOMMENDATION (S)

Notes

- 1. That the Committee notes the current event calendar.**
- 2. That the Committee agree in principle to allow a Community Country Show in Nonsuch Park.**
- 3. That the Committee agree to allow the District Beaver Scout "Party in the Park" event.**

1 Forthcoming Events 2016

Sun 7 Feb 2016	Mark Caswell Fun Run
Sun 13 Mar 2016	Marsden March
Sun 20 Mar 2016	Sport Relief
Sun 12 Jun 2016	Teddy Bear's Picnic
Sun 11 Sep 2016	Nonsuch Park Awareness Day

2 Request to hold a two day 'Country Fair' style event in Nonsuch Park

- 2.1 Towards the end of last year, Officers were contacted by a company called Classic Festivals and Events, who were interested in hosting a 'Country Fair' style event at Nonsuch Park.

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- 2.2 From the information received Officers felt that this could be something new for Nonsuch which would fit well with the nature of the Park and be of interest to the community.
- 2.3 To explore the proposal in more detail, an on-site meeting was set up at Nonsuch Park between the Streetcare Manager, Park Supervisor and the event organisers.
- 2.4 The event organisers explained that they have a wealth of experience in hosting events such as The Framlingham Country Show and The Suffolk Food, Drink and Music Festival both of which were voted "One of the top 10 things to do" by The Weekend Telegraph.
- 2.5 Although many of the events organised by the company attract in the region of 10,000 visitors, the organisers were keen to point out that any new ventures are started on a much smaller scale and if successful they would hope to build organically over time within the scope of the venue.
- 2.6 The theme for Nonsuch Park would be a two day Community Country Show. The organisers would look to involve the community, schools, young entrepreneurs, local food and drink producers, local Chefs to put on displays in their Cookery Theatre, craft stalls, a dog show amongst many other attractions.
- 2.7 The proposed date for the event is 25/26 June 2016. The event would be ticketed and entirely run and managed by the event organisers, who will provide all staff and equipment necessary to ensure the event is well managed, safe and secure.
- 2.8 Originally both the organisers and Officers felt that the event area in front of the Mansion House, which is used for large events such as Awareness Day and Sport Relief, would be the ideal location but in a later discussion with Bovingdons it was felt that this would be too intrusive on their wedding business.
- 2.9 Officers then suggested that the dog free area at the London Road gate would be big enough to accommodate an audience of around 1000-1500 people and parking in the summer months could be accommodated in the adjacent fields with agreement with Park stakeholders.
- 2.10 The event organisers have since surveyed this area and are happy that this would work to accommodate the event and parking.
- 2.11 A brief conversation has taken place with Christopher Stone, Property and Estates Manager about how this might conflict with the incoming tenant for London Road Lodge and it was felt that holding the event this year should not present a problem, but further liaison with the Veterinary Surgery would be necessary, if agreement for the event to go ahead was given for by the Joint Management Committee.
- 2.12 The event organisers are to contribute towards the running costs of the park and would like to offer £5,000 to Joint Management Committee for the hire of the event field and parking field.

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2.13 If the event is successful and return to the park in future years it is anticipated that the sum offered would increase over time.

3 Proposal to hold a District Beaver Scout 'Party in the Park'

3.1 The Chairman of the Joint Management Committee has recently been approached by the Scout's District Commissioner regarding a proposal to hold a District Beaver Scout 'Party in the Park'.

3.2 The Group would like to hold the event in the dog free area at the Cheam Gate on 9 July 2015.

3.3 From the information provided we would anticipate the event being a similar scale to the NCT Teddy Bears Picnic.

3.4 Officers are comfortable with the initial proposal and subject to discussing a hire charge with the Group do not have operational concerns with the event.

4 Financial and Manpower Implications

4.1 Financial information is covered in the main body of this report.

5 Partnerships

5.1 Events in the Park form strong partnerships with a number of internal and external organisers.

6 Risk Assessment

6.1 All events are covered by the organisers public liability insurance and risk assessments.

7 Conclusion and Recommendations

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7.3 That the Committee agree to allow the District Beaver Scout 'Party in the Park' event.