

**NONSUCH PARK JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
21 NOVEMBER 2016**

**EVENTS IN THE PARK**

Report of the: Head of Operational Services  
Contact: Samantha Whitehead  
Urgent Decision?(yes/no) No  
If yes, reason urgent decision required:  
Annexes/Appendices (attached): Annexe 1: Age Concern Event Management Plan.  
Other available papers (not attached):

**REPORT SUMMARY**

**To note the approved events for 2016 and the success of Nonsuch Park Awareness Day.**

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1) That the committee notes the current event calendar.
- 2) That the committee notes the success of Nonsuch Park Awareness Day 2016
- 3) That the committee supports the proposal for Age Concern to hold a Vintage Festival in Nonsuch Park.

*Notes*

**1 Forthcoming Events 2016**

23 October	Epsom Oddballs MABAC Cross Country
11 December	St Raphael's Santa Dash

**2 Nonsuch Park Awareness Day**

- 2.1 This year's Awareness Day was extremely successful, the sun was shining and over 1000 people attended throughout the day to find out more about the diverse range of activities the Park has to offer.
- 2.2 As part of Heritage Open Days, both the Mansion and Museum were open to the public with guided tours conducted by the Friends of Nonsuch. In addition, Councillor Mike Teasdale was on hand to explain to the public about the work of the JMC, Jeremy Harte – Bourne Hall Museum Curator hosted a lively and historical guided tour around the Formal Garden and Nathan Brewer (who carries out metal detecting in the Park), displayed a variety of his recent 'finds'.

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- 2.3 We are always extremely lucky to be visited by Royalty, and this year was no exception as the Tudor Roses created ambience and showed off their exquisite historical costumes whilst mingling with visitors and posing for countless photographs.
- 2.4 Nonsuch Watch and Nonsuch Voles were joined by the Woodland Trust and Lower Mole Project, to explain to people just how important the flora and fauna are to the Park, encourage an interest in volunteering and raise funds for their good works to continue.
- 2.5 The Beekeepers and the Ranger's Apple Press were kept busy all day by allowing the public to sample locally produced goods. Children were delighted to work the Apple Press and had fun rolling candles from Beeswax.
- 2.6 This year we were assisted by Wingrave Vets who helped the Ranger's give out over 10,000 dog waste bags, talk to dog walkers about responsible dog ownership and man the dog agility course.
- 2.7 The ever-popular Dr Bike were on hand to give free bike maintenance checks and promote safe and courteous cycling.
- 2.8 The Fitness Zone allowed people to take part in activities ranging from T'ai Chi to Orienteering. Whilst the 135 Geographic Squadron Royal Engineers encouraged everyone to test their mental and physical agility with a very impressive electronic device.
- 2.9 The Streetcare Manager would like to record formal thanks to everyone who took part in making the day such a success and in particular to Laura Curtis and Ashlie Williams from Epsom & Ewell's Ranger Team who picked up the baton this year to help organise the event.
- 2.10 Our next Nonsuch Park Awareness Day will be held on 10 September 2017.

**3 Age Concern Epsom & Ewell 70<sup>th</sup> Celebration**

- 3.1 The Streetcare Manager has been contacted by Dorah May Hancock from Age Concern regarding the use of the Cheam Dog Free Area and Church Field to host a vintage style event to celebrate the groups 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
- 3.2 The proposed date for the event Sunday 2 July 2017, from 12 noon until 5pm.
- 3.3 The event will be free to attend and the group are expecting to attract in the region of 1000 people.
- 3.4 As this is a new event, the Streetcare Manager asked the event organisers to produce an event management plan so that the details of the event could be fully considered by the Nonsuch Park Joint Management Committee. Please refer to Annexe One.

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- 3.5 The Streetcare Manager has consulted with Bovingdons, as this event could potentially impact on the Mansion House. Bovingdons were very helpful and have confirmed that there are no current bookings and they would make sure that their staff were aware that this event could be taking place to ensure that prospective clients were aware.
- 3.6 The event organisers have also been made aware that should another event be taking place at the Mansion House, noise levels will need adjusted to ensure that disruption to other parties is minimised.
- 3.7 Event parking and security will be provided by the Rotary Club.

**4 Partnerships**

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

**5 Risk Assessment**

- 5.1 All events are covered by the organiser's public liability insurance and risk assessments.

**6 Conclusion and Recommendations**

- 6.1 That the committee notes the current event calendar and the success of this year's Nonsuch Park Awareness Day.
- 6.2 That the committee supports the proposal for Age Concern to hold a Vintage Festival in Nonsuch Park.