

EVENTS IN THE PARK

Report of the: Head of Operational Services

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Annexes/Appendices (attached):

Other available papers (not attached):

REPORT SUMMARY

To note the events for 2017 and to receive a proposal from Classic Events to extend car parking for the Nonsuch Town & Country Show 2018.

RECOMMENDATION (S)

- (1) That the committee notes the current event calendar.
- (2) That the committee notes the success of Nonsuch Park Awareness Day and the date for next year's event.
- (3) That the committee notes the cancellation of the Sport Relief Mile event in 2018.
- (4) That the committee agrees to the proposal to extend the parking provision for next year's Town & Country Show.

Notes

1 Forthcoming Events 2017

Sat 14 Oct	12:00 – 15:00	Vanda Caulfield Cross Country Event
Sun 27 Oct	12:00 – 15:00	Phoenix Running
Sun 5 Nov	09:00 – 11:30	Ronhill Athletic
Sat 11 Nov	12:00 – 15:00	Vanda Caulfield Cross Country Event
Sun 10 Dec	09:00 – 16:00	St Raphael's Santa Dash

2 Nonsuch Park Awareness Day

- 2.1 This year's Nonsuch Park Awareness Day was held on Sunday 10 September. Despite the inclement weather, around 800 people attended the event.

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- 2.2 Visitors enjoyed and experienced a range of activities including Tai Chi, Dr Bike and dog agility.
- 2.3 Around 10,000 dog waste bags were handed out to support our on-going campaign for responsible dog walking.
- 2.4 Councillor Mike Teasdale was on hand to explain to visitors about the significance of the Joint Management Committee and Epsom & Ewell's Ranger Service operated the apple press, which enabled visitors to sample the juice of locally picked apples.
- 2.5 The event is now in its eighth year and is very popular with both participants and visitors.
- 2.6 The Streetcare Manager would like to thank all the participants who gave up their time to support the event and Emma Curtis and Ashlie Williams from Epsom & Ewell's Ranger Service for planning and organising this year's event.
- 2.7 The event is timed to coincide with the Heritage Open Day scheme, which means that visitors to Nonsuch Park Awareness Day also have the opportunity to explore both the mansion house and museum. Next year's Awareness Day will be held on Sunday 9 September.

3 Sport Relief

- 3.1 At the last meeting of the Nonsuch Park Joint Management Committee, members approved a proposal to hold the bi-annual Sport Relief Mile event at Nonsuch Park in March 2018.
- 3.2 However, due to a decline in participants over recent years, we have been notified that the Sport Relief charity have now decided to cancel next year's event.

4 Proposal from Classic Events

- 4.1 The Nonsuch Town & Country Show has been held in the London Road picnic area for the past two years.
- 4.2 The event has grown steadily during this period and has proved popular with visitors.
- 4.3 The event is well managed and the set-up/clear up operation is quick and efficient.
- 4.4 The event provides a respectable income for the park.
- 4.5 This year the event attracted more visitors than the previous year and the Streetcare Manager has been in conversation with the organisers about steps that may need to be taken to extend the current car parking arrangements for future years.

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- 4.6 A proposal to allow temporary parking on the grass surrounding the London Road picnic area has been put forward by the event organisers (please see Annexe 1).
- 4.7 The Streetcare Manager has consulted the Habitat Management Plan and Epsom & Ewell's ecologist, Peter Howarth for advice on the environmental impact of the proposal.
- 4.8 Peter Howarth has advised that in his opinion, allowing temporary parking would have little impact on the area.
- 4.9 If the committee agree to the proposal, the Streetcare Manager will be in position to renegotiate the current hire charge to compensate for the additional parking required.

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 organiser's public liability insurance and risk assessments.

7 Conclusion and Recommendations

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WARD(S) AFFECTED: Nonsuch Ward; (EEBC)