HOUGHTON REGIS TOWN COUNCIL

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16th November 2026

To: **Members of the Community Engagement Sub-Committee**

Cllrs: E Cooper, Y Farrell, M Herber, T McMahon, A Slough

(Copies to other Councillors, Linmere, Tim Haines, Friends of Windsor Drive, Parkside Ward Action Group, Ian Haynes and Tara Earnshaw for information)

Co-opted Members: K Wattingham, C Slough.

Notice of Meeting

You are hereby summoned to a Meeting of the **Community Engagement Sub Committee** to be held at the Council Offices, Peel Street on **Tuesday 24th November at 7.00 pm.**

Members of the public who wish to attend the meeting may do so in person or remotely through the meeting link below.

To attend remotely through Teams please follow this link: *MEETING LINK*

All attendees are reminded that this meeting must be conducted in a respectful and considerate manner. Comments should remain appropriate and non-defamatory, as behaviour that undermines dignity, respect, or integrity will not be permitted.

THIS MEETING MAY BE RECORDED[1]

Clare Evans
Town Clerk

Agenda

1. APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTIONS

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2. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

In accordance with approved Standing Orders 1(e)-1(l) Members of the public may make representations, ask questions and give evidence at a meeting which they are entitled to attend in respect of the business on the agenda.

The total period of time designated for public participation at a meeting shall not exceed 15 minutes and an individual member of the public shall not speak for more than 3 minutes unless directed by the chairman of the meeting.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

Under the Localism Act 2011 (sections 26-37 and Schedule 4) and in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct, Members are required to declare any interests which are not currently entered in the member's register of interests or if he/she has not notified the Monitoring Officer of any such interest.

Members are invited to submit any requests for Dispensations for consideration.

4. MINUTES

Pages 4 - 7

To receive the minutes of the Community Engagement Sub-Committee meeting held on the 8th September 2026.

Recommendation: To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 8th September 2026 and for these to be signed by the Chairman.

5. CO-OPTION

Pages 8 - 9

An application from Hannah Bailey to be co-opted onto the Community Engagement Sub-Committee for 2026/2027 has been received and circulated to members of the sub-committee under separate cover. Members are requested to consider the co-option.

Recommendation: To Co-opt Hannah Bailey onto the Community Engagement Sub-Committee for 2026/2027.

6. COMMUNITY EVENTS

Representatives from local organisations are invited to provide updates regarding community events.

Recommendation: To note the report

7. COMMITTEE WORK PLAN

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Members will find attached a workplan for the municipal year 2026/27.

The attached workplan provides a structured approach to the committee's business throughout 2026/27, ensuring all statutory requirements and governance obligations are met in a timely manner.

Recommendation: **To review and approve the Community Engagement Sub Committee Workplan for 2026/27, which outlines anticipated specific reports for the municipal year.**

8. PRIDE OF HOUGHTON AWARDS

Pages 11 -14

Members will find attached a report regarding the Pride of Houghton Awards Scheme.

It is hoped to hold the next Awards Ceremony in May 2027, and members have the opportunity to change the scheme in order to attract more nominations. Suggestions for change include who can nominate or be nominated, the format of the event, location, awards and categories for the event.

Recommendation: **Members are requested to confirm who can nominate or be nominated, the format of the event, location, awards and categories for the event.**

9. REPORT FROM THE EVENTS MANAGER

Pages 15 - 18

Members will find attached a report from the Events Manager regarding past and forthcoming events.

This report is provided for information purposes.

10. REPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY SERVICES MANAGER

Pages 19 - 21

Members will find attached a report from the Community Services Manager regarding past and forthcoming events.

This report is provided for information purposes.

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HOUGHTON REGIS TOWN COUNCIL
Community Engagement Sub-Committee
Minutes of the meeting held on
Tuesday 8th September 2026 at 7.00pm

Present:	Councillors:	T McMahon	Chair
		E Cooper	
		Y Farrell	
		M Herber	
		A Slough	
	Co-opted members	C Slough	
	Officers:	Sarah Gelsthorp	Events Manager
		Tara Earnshaw	Youth & Community Manager
		Amanda Samuels	Administration Officer
Apologies:		E Farrier	Land Improvement Holdings, Linmere Devt
		K Wattingham	Co-optee

CESC110 APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies were received from Emma Farrier and Ken Wattingham.

CESC111 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

CESC112 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

None.

CESC113 MINUTES

To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 9th June 2026.

Resolved: To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 9th June 2026 and for these to be signed by the Chairman.

CESC114 COMMUNITY EVENTS

Representatives from local organisations were invited to provide updates regarding community events.

Linmere
The representative from Linmere had sent apologies but had supplied an update on local events:

- Pumpkin Trail, October half-term
- Silver Birch Park – now open. Event planned for October

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- Resident Christmas event – early December
- Roam – a variety of events were being held every weekend up until Christmas
- Over 200 people had attended the summer picnic

All Saints Church

- Two fundraising events had recently been held. £142.00 had been raised for the local food bank and £125.00 for Macmillan
- Attended Carnival and Linmere's Picnic on the Park with a stall introducing All Saints Church
- Attended Arts and Culture event
- Would be participating in Heritage Day on 19th September. The church would be holding a week of activities from 12th September, including weekday tours of the church between 2-4pm when a different feature of the church would be focussed on each day.
- Christmas events would include Carols by Candlelight

Resolved: To note the report

CESC115 COMMITTEE WORK PLAN

Members were provided with a copy of the workplan for the municipal year 2026/27.

The workplan provided a structured approach to the committee's business throughout 2026/27, ensuring all statutory requirements and governance obligations were met in a timely manner.

It was questioned when the deferred meeting to discuss the draft programme of future events would be held. The Events Manager confirmed that they would discuss this with the Head of Environmental and Community Services.

Resolved: To review and approve the Community Engagement Sub Committee Workplan for 2026/27, which outlines anticipated specific reports for the municipal year.

CESC116 REPORT FROM THE EVENTS MANAGER

For information, Members were provided with a report from the Events Manager regarding past and forthcoming events.

Carnival: the event was generally successful and received positive feedback on the new format, layout and atmosphere. It was hoped that the walking parade would continue to grow in the future. There was some discussion on the provision of cover and shaded areas for future events.

Arts and Culture: The event was commended for the variety of activities and the food selection available. Efforts had been made to ensure a variety of sites around Bedford Square were involved. With the exception of Jewels, there had not been as much participation from local businesses as hoped; however, Members wondered if this was because of uncertainty as to what the event would entail.

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Open Air Cinema: It was thought that exceptionally hot weather had affected attendance. The event had sold out and 500 attendees were expected at each performance; however, it was estimated that approximately 500 had attended across both.

Open Air Theatre: This had gone well with an estimated 400 attendees across both shows.

Houghton Rocks: The event had been well attended and went as well as possible given the extreme weather conditions. Members were positive in their feedback on the bands, staging and sound system; and security was praised for the excellent service provided. It was felt that the youth arena had also been a success.

Members requested consideration was given to the following items:

- Provision of vegan food
- Better toilet facilities – the portable toilets and pavilion had both been disappointing
- Shelter from sun/rain, plus logoed umbrellas and cagoules
- Provision of a safe space
- Contingency plan for bar provision
- Budgeting for new radios or alternative communications system
- Documentation protection/covers

The Events Manager noted these items and confirmed that they would maintain communication with the Head of Service regarding the pavilion toilet facilities.

The Events Manager suggested that, because of the impact of the heavy rain, all the participating bands should be invited to perform for 2027's event. Members unanimously agreed with the proposal (Cllr A Slough proposed, Councillor Herber seconded).

Future events:

- Heritage Day, 19th September: School of Jestering, Ringworm (Viking reenactors), free coin strike demonstration (depending on ground dryness), Rebellion Reenactment (including two horses) and Knights of Honour. Cllr Herber volunteered assistance and Cllr Cooper would be attending in the capacity of Deputy Mayor
- Halloween Fun at Houghton Hall Park (including Youth Council participation), 30th October: Halloween trail based on the Witch and the Moon by Mark Bolan, facepainting, arts and crafts, storytelling
- Fireworks at Thorn Park, 6th November: Display at 6.30pm, hosted by local swing singer, fairground rides
- Services of Remembrance events, 8th and 11th November – invitations had been sent out and refreshments, sound system etc. had been booked

CESC117 REPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY SERVICES MANAGER

Members were provided with an update from the Community Services Manager regarding past and forthcoming events.

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Skate Jam: The event had not been as busy as previous years with fewer families attending. Consideration was being given to providing an evening session involving the local youth.

Crazy Golf: There had been fewer participants compared to the numbers attending the same event at Houghton Hall Park the previous year.

Sensory Day: This had gone well and had been a very positive day with a good atmosphere.

Inflatable Fun: Due to safety concerns, this event had been relocated to the Village Green and had proved extremely popular.

Roller Disco: A well-attended event with 30 people attending each of the 4 sessions.

Go-Karting: While this had proved popular, it was thought that either extra go-karts were required in future years, or an additional activity needed to be provided.

Southend Trip: This was always popular with residents and tickets had gone quickly. Due to budgetary issues, only two coaches had been provided this year, but it was hoped that it would be possible to return to three in the future.

Beach Day: This was a new event in Bedford Square which had been very well received. The sand pits, balloons and bubble machine had all been a success and the atmosphere had been positive. It was proposed that a similar event could be held at the start of the summer holidays in 2027 themed on an alternative holiday destinations.

Crafty November: This was in the planning stage.

LLSG: This was now the only group of its kind in Houghton Regis. The group had grown significantly and met more regularly than in its original iteration. The group met on the first and third Tuesday of the month for tea and a chat, with activities occasionally being scheduled. It was hoped that the budget could be increased to reflect the growing popularity of the group.

The Youth and Community Manager expressed the need for activities to be spread across all the different wards and to include a Send activity. There were plans to investigate having a dedicated Send session for each activity.

The representative from All Saints Church and the Youth and Community Manager agreed to discuss collaborating on the craft event.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.04 pm

Dated this day of 24th November 2026

Chairman

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Houghton Regis Town Council

APPLICATION & AGREEMENT FOR CO-OPTEES

The Town Council operates with council staff and a team of elected councillors, however in relation to certain business of the Town Council there are advantages for the Council to formally appoint Co-Optees to Committees, Sub Committees and Working Groups for the skills and experience they are able to offer that group.

Applications for co-optees may be by invitation from the Town Council or by application from an individual. Either way Co-Optees of the Council are required to work under the Councils Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Code of Conduct and Officer & Member Protocol and other relevant policy of the Council. This can be found on our website and by following this link: http://www.houghtonregis.org.uk/council-policies-procedures

Of particular note is the requirement of Co-Optees to follow the principals of the Councils Code of Conduct, as attached, so as to maintain the standards of the Council in the work undertaken.

Upon appointment training will be provided by the Clerk covering Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Code of Conduct and Officer & Member Protocol.

The term of office for a Co-Optee is ideally May to April each year, although invitations and applications can be considered part way through a year.

The Council will keep you informed of the progress of your application.

If you would like to become a Co-Optee please provide the following information and sign the agreement:

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Co-Optee Application	
Name HANNAH BAILEY	
Address [redacted]	
Contact number [redacted]	
Contact email address [redacted]	
Name of Committee, Sub Committee or Working Group to which you would like to be co-opted: COMMUNITY EVENTS	
Why would you like to become a co-optee? ALREADY ACTIVE VOLUNTEERING WITH OTHER LOCAL GROUPS + MEMBER OF PWAG.	
What skills and experience do you feel you can bring to the Council? AS ABOVE, NB HAVE ALSO BEEN A YOUTH WORKER VOLUNTEER, STREETWATCH, SPEEDWATCH PARKRUN + ATTEND MOST EVENTS - FORMER C&C EMPLOYEE.	
Agreement	
Co-optees are required to agree to the following:	

• To abide by the Councils Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Code of Conduct and Officer & Member Protocol. These can be found at: http://www.houghtonregis-tc.gov.uk/council-policies-procedures
• To attend meetings as required or to offer apologies if you are not available.
• To attend and support events (if appropriate) as required.
• To work with the Council to secure the best outcomes for the community.
***the Council reserves the right to remove this position should the agreement not be upheld.**
*** the Co-optee may at any time withdraw from their position.**
Name Hannah Bates
Date 13/10/2026
Signed [redacted]

Under the UK General Data Protection Regulation, I give consent for the personal data supplied above to be retained by Houghton Regis Town Council in order to become co-opted member of the aforementioned committee, sub-committee or working group. The details will be retained on file for 8 years as per the Town Council's Data Retention policy. Data may be shared externally for legislative compliance or legal purposes.

Under the UK GDPR you are entitled to exercise your right to object to us processing your data and obtain information that is held about you. If at any point you believe the information we process on you is incorrect, you can request to have it corrected or deleted. Where possible we will seek to comply with your request, but we may be required to hold or process information to comply with a legal requirement. You can find out more about how we use your data from the council office or from our website at https://www.houghtonregis

to request your data, the Town Council's Data Protection Officer is Sarah Goldthorp.

HOUGHTON REGIS TOWN COUNCIL

Community Engagement Sub-Committee Workplan 2026/27

The following Workplan indicates anticipated specific reports in addition to regular/standard reports[1]:

Committee date	Tasks / Report Heading	Completed/deferred/removed
9th June 2026	Election of Chair	9th June 2026
	Election of Vice-Chair	9th June 2026
	Future of Events 3-year draft programme	Deferred as agreed with IH
	Youth and Community Manager Update	9th June 2026
	Event Manager Update	9th June 2026
8th September 2026	Committee Workplan	8th September 2026
	Youth and Community Manager Update	8th September 2026
	Event Manager Update	8th September 2026
24th November 2026	Committee Workplan	24th November 2026
	Youth and Community Manager Update	24th November 2026
	Event Manager Update	24th November 2026
12th January 2027	Committee Workplan	
	Youth and Community Manager Update	
	Event Manager Update	
23rd March 2027	Committee Workplan	
	Youth and Community Manager Update	
	Event Manager Update	

[1] Include: Draft Minutes, Income & Expenditure Report, and Committee Workplan

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE **Agenda Item 8**

Date:	**28th October 2026**
Title:	**Pride of Houghton Awards**
Purpose of the Report:	**To provide an update an update on the current Pride of Houghton Scheme and to look at ways to develop this further.**
Contact Officer:	**Sarah Gelsthorp, Events Manager**

1. RECOMMENDATION

This report is provided for information purposes.

2. BACKGROUND

Houghton Regis Town Council has been running the Pride of Houghton Awards Scheme since 2003.

The current scheme comprises of nominations from the community (excluding from staff and Councillors) and nominations can't be accepted for these parties, or for groups considered to be internal to the council, such as the Later Living Group or Youth Council.

The nominations are ratified by the Pride of Houghton Working Group.

There are several categories, which are:

- Young Person
- Care Home Worker
- Carer (the extra mile award)
- Local Hero / Community Facilitator
- Lifetime Achievement
- Special Awards (for those who may not live in Houghton Regis, but who have made significant contributions to the town),
- Local Business, Local Group / Organisation.
- Mayor's Choice Award

There are awards for the winners and highly commended, as follows:

- Winners – Framed Certificate, Glass Award and Pride of Houghton Badge
- Highly Commended – Framed Certificate.

A ceremony is held each year, and all nominees are invited to attend.

The ceremony includes an evening event with a table buffet, bar and entertainment.

3. ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

The number of nominations has been declining and there is an opportunity to relaunch the scheme.

Opportunities for change include:

1. **Who can make and receive nominations**
2. **Changing the format of the event from an evening event to a weekday / daytime occasion**
3. **Changing the location of the Pride of Houghton Awards to a new venue**
4. **Changing the awards itself**
5. **Changing the award categories. Suggestions include:**

- Carers Award
- Local Business
- Role Model of the Year
- Sports Hero of the year
- Town Unity Award for Community Organisations
- Volunteer of the Year
- Young Person
- Lifetime Achievement
- Mayor's Award (sponsored and nominated by the Town Mayor)
- Special Recognition (this could be awarded to a person who has made a significant contribution to HR but is not a resident).

All suggestions are welcomed.

4. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

Members are requested to confirm who can nominate or be nominated, the format of the event, location, awards and categories for the event.

5. HRTC CORPORATE PLAN

1 Town and Community: To unify all areas of the parish as one community and foster civic pride in our town

1.1 Improve integration between existing and new communities.

1.4 Develop an annual programme of community events across the Parish.

1.6 Promotion and protection of the cultural and heritage assets.

6. IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Implications - There are no corporate implications arising from the recommendations.

Legal Implications - There are no legal implications.

Financial Implications—The budget for the event will be confirmed in February 2027.

Risk Implications - There are no risk implications.

Equalities Implications - Houghton Regis Town Council has a duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and foster good relations in respect of nine protected characteristics: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.

These projects/issues do not discriminate.

Climate Change Implications - There are no climate change implications.

Press Contact - Deliveries of these projects will continue to be communicated to the press.

7. CONCLUSION AND NEXT STEPS

This report summarises the ongoing projects being delivered and plans for future initiatives provided by the Events Manager.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE **Agenda Item 9**

Date:	**9th November 2026**
Title:	**Event Managers Report**
Purpose of the Report:	**To provide Members with an update on past and forthcoming events.**
Contact Officer:	**Sarah Gelsthorp, Events Manager**

1. RECOMMENDATION

This report is provided for information purposes.

2. BACKGROUND

Houghton Regis Town Council delivers a variety of community events throughout the year, on Town Council land and also at Houghton Hall Park.

This report sets out the work delivered and plans for future initiatives.

3. ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

3.1 Past events:

Heritage Day – 19th September 2026

The Heritage day was a successful event, with very positive feedback from attendees.

The re-enactments were very popular, and there were some excellent displays from Houghton Regis Heritage Society and All Saints Church. Subject to budget confirmation, it is hoped to continue the event again next year.

Halloween – 30th October 2026

The Halloween event exceeded expectations with the phenomenal attendance. The day included a Halloween Trail around the park, Facepainting / glitter tattoos, Potion making (with the Youth Council), Crafts, and Storytelling.

From the trail maps, we know that 350 children took part in the trails, with the data showing that most families were from Houghton Regis.

Fireworks Display – 6th November 2026

A big thank you to everyone who volunteered at the Fireworks Display and the event was a big success. There was a very large attendance at the event (and increase too on 2025) and there were no concerns reported with regards to health and safety.

Services of Remembrance – An update will be provided at the meeting.

3.2 Future events from 25th November 2026 until 12th January 2027 (next meeting)

- 5th December 2026 – Christmas Market
- 5th December – Christmas Light Switch On
- 12th December 2026 – Santa's Grotto

3.3 CHRISTMAS MARKET AND CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH ON

The Christmas Market is planned for 12 noon -4.30pm on Saturday 5th December. There will be seven stalls on the day selling festive goods in the indoor atrium.

The Christmas Lights will be switch on at 6pm after the Christmas Carol Service at All Saints, and as well as Carols around the tree, The Buskerteers Choir from Houghton Regis will be performing. Santa will be attending too, with some sweet treats to hand out to the children.

Road closures have been arranged between 5.45pm and 6.15pm along the High Street.

3.4 SANTA'S GROTTO

The Santa's Grotto will be taking place on Saturday 12th December in and around Bedford Square with the following:

- Stalls x 8 (Indoor Atrium)
- Face Painting (location tbc)
- Snow Globe (Bedford Square)
- Arts and Crafts (Library)
- Jazz Duo singing Christmas songs (Library)

Soft toys have been purchased as gifts from Santa.

All support with the running of the event would be greatly appreciated.

4. CHRISTMAS 'WHAT'S ON' IN HOUGHTON REGIS

The Town Council will be publicising events being held by the local community on our social media. At the time of writing the agenda, the events that we are aware of are:

Thorn Wreath Making – 27th November 2026

Memorial Hall Christmas Fayre – 29th November 2026
Thorn – Carols in the Square – 3rd December 2026
All Saints Christmas Fayre – 12th December 2026
Carol Service – 13th December 2026 in Jewels
Houghton Regis Baptist Church – 20th December (TBC)
All Saints Church Carols by Candlelight - 20th December at 4pm
Live Carols and Christmas Music in Jewels from 1pm to 3 pm.
All Saints Church Midnight Mass – 24th December 2026
Christmas Day service, 10:30-11:30 am in Jewels.

The Rotary Club Float will be in Houghton Regis again this year and details will be confirmed nearer the time.

5. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

None

6. HRTC CORPORATE PLAN

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7. IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Implications - There are no corporate implications arising from the recommendations.

Legal Implications - There are no legal implications.

Financial Implications—Some funding opportunities will naturally end during the new financial year. Therefore, during the 2027/2028 budget-setting process, consideration must be given to whether these activities will continue.

Risk Implications - There are no risk implications.

Equalities Implications - Houghton Regis Town Council has a duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and foster good relations in respect of nine protected characteristics: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.

These projects/issues do not discriminate.

Climate Change Implications - There are no climate change implications.

Press Contact - Deliveries of these projects will continue to be communicated to the press.

8. CONCLUSION AND NEXT STEPS

This report summarises the ongoing projects being delivered and plans for future initiatives provided by the Events Manager.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SUB COMMITTEE Agenda Item 10

Date:	**10th November 2026**
Title:	**Houghton Regis Town Council Community Services Update**
Purpose of the Report:	**To provide Members with an update on recent community work.**
Contact Officer:	**Tara Earnshaw, Community Services Manager**

1. RECOMMENDATION

To note the report

2. BACKGROUND

Houghton Regis Town Council delivers a variety of community initiatives that are inclusive of its residents. This includes Community Activities, School Holiday Activities and Activities for retired residents.

This report sets out the work delivered and plans for future initiatives.

3. ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

3.1 Community Activities

Crafty Christmas

Staff and Youth Council Volunteers are planning crafty activities that are Christmas-themed to deliver in the library alongside the craft stalls for the 5th December.

3.2 Later Living Social Group (LLSG)

The volunteers at LLSG continue to meet monthly to plan enhanced activities and trips, as well as organise the Tea and Treat sessions. These sessions take place on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at All Saints View, with an average of 50 retired residents attending each time. 50 residents, including volunteers, attended the trip to Burton-on-Water, which was well received.

The volunteers are currently planning a trip to Dobbies garden centre, a volunteers' Christmas meal and a meal for the members at CBC college in January/February.

4. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

N/A

5. HRTC CORPORATE PLAN

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1.4 Develop an annual programme of community events across the Parish.

3 Quality of Life: To enhance the quality of life of our residents

3.3 Improve access to services and support through the provision of a network of Parish-wide community hubs.

3.4 Improve existing and develop new opportunities for young people across the parish.

6. IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Implications - There are no corporate implications arising from the recommendations.

Legal Implications - There are no legal implications.

Financial Implications— There are no financial implications

Risk Implications - There are no risk implications.

Equalities Implications - Houghton Regis Town Council has a duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and foster good relations in respect of nine protected characteristics: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.

These projects/issues do not discriminate.

Climate Change Implications - There are no climate change implications.

Press Contact - Deliveries of these projects will continue to be communicated to the press.

7. CONCLUSION AND NEXT STEPS

This report summarises the ongoing projects being delivered and plans for future initiatives provided by the Community Services Manager.