

Notes of the Events Working Party held on Tuesday 19th December 2023

Present at the meeting were:-

Cllr R Burnip (Chair) along with Cllrs S Simpson, A Laing

It was reported there was positive feedback on the previous events held during 2023. They included neighbourhood Fun Days, Fun and food funded fun days and activities, Halloween events – with a Halloween House competition held for the first time. The Garden Competition had increased number of entrants this year. The Emergency Services Day held at Shotton Hall had been popular and well attended.

It was agreed that whilst the focus had been on families maybe in 2024 there could be more balance if an adult event was arranged/organised. It was suggested the Team start talking to East Durham College to perhaps deliver a one day music event, in partnership. The Clerk spoke on traditionally all departments pitch in and are involved with council events, it is a team effort, however this is very resource intensive. He suggested maybe the council could consider a blend of, some activities/events are delivered by PTC; and then commission others to deliver events for us (in partnership/financed by PTC).

It was agreed all of the events held in 2023 should be held in 2024.

It was understood Fun and Food funding was to continue in 2024 and so the Council would be making bids and organising events if successful.

It was agreed the small community based events grants funds within the events budget continue.