

## **Nettlestone and Seaview Community Partnership**

### **Chairman's report for Parish Council meeting- 20 March 2017**

#### **2016 summary**

##### **Events**

##### **Pancake race**

Historically the CP have not organised this event but took it on due to closure of the Sports Club  
This year the event was staged in Circular Road – very poor turnout . We will discuss this at our next meeting.

##### **Easter Antics**

Weather dependent but a good turnout in 2016

Some ideas for improvements for 2017:

Age groups for bonnet competition

##### **May Fayre**

Weather dependent but a good turnout in 2016

Ideas for improvement in 2017:

To ask Randini to perform earlier and to sell raffle tickets earlier

##### **Queen's birthday**

One off event – very well attended

##### **Party on the Prom**

Weather dependent

Some ideas for improvement for 2017:

To have a children's entertainer /disco at beginning

To start dance music earlier and have a more detailed timetable of events

To sell raffle tickets prior to the event

##### **Isle of Wight Day**

Lots of bunting!! Good variety of local events. All well attended.

This year we are considering an event on Sophie Watsons garden to promote this very special area.

##### **Father Christmas at Vic's**

A reasonable number of children last year. Father Christmas is excellent.

Improvements for this year 2017:

Father Christmas's grotto requires a makeover

Having the event later in December.

It would be good to provide small presents that are not sweets for obvious reasons.

The snow machine needs camouflage – and it ran out!

### **Christmas trees in the village**

Looked festive and well worth doing.

Improvements for 2017:

Consider leaving the lights on for a longer period of time – subject to businesses agreeing.

### **Carols in St Peters**

Very well attended.

The band are wonderful. Father Christmas excellent. Could we incorporate the choir?

### **Calendar**

Very well received. Three print runs – all calendars sold giving a net profit to the Partnership.

This year the Partnership will work in conjunction with the camera club at the Pavilion.

Members will take photos in both villages throughout this year as well as attending all the events to build up a portfolio of photos. May have some form of competition in late summer to choose the final 12 photos for the calendar.

### **Supporting our Seniors**

A number of initiatives have either continued or started up this year.

The Parish plan will recognise Age Friendly initiatives.

The questionnaire had a 38% return. The outcomes will be discussed this year.

First parish to launch Community care navigators.

Digital inclusion – bi-weekly drop in session at the Pavilion well attended. A more specific 6 week course has started.

Roving Lens camera club started in November and is well attended.

Seagrove Seniors still going strong- every other Wednesday

Yet to explore this year:

Transport, newsletter, choir, dancing, safe drivers course, film shows, carers café

### **Gardening**

Members of the Partnership and Parish Council combined to undertake site visits to some of the open spaces in both villages to assess their current status and discuss how they could be improved.

Nettlestone Green. The three planters will be replaced by more sustainable planting in the grass – largely bulbs . The trees will be attended to and the benches repaired and/ or removed. More benches may be added. The pump and sink will remain as it was considered a desirable and unique feature.

The other areas visited were – Eddington Road , Wychwood Close , Ansells Copse , Sirius Close , Hersey Rise Pond , Sophie Watsons garden and the Esplanade .

It was noted that the ownership of some of these areas needed to be ascertained and also that not all remedial work would be immediate as a discussion with landowners / residents would be necessary. There was nevertheless a clear advantage in at least planting more spring bulbs in all these areas.

The extra planting could be undertaken in the autumn with the help of volunteers and including Nettlestone Primary pupils and parents.

The Esplanade is the other site requires immediate attention as it is in a very prominent position. In conjunction with the Parish Council it is hoped that this site can be remediated and replanted before the summer.

### **Other events**

Cheese and Wine March

Cheese and Wine November

### **Dates for 2017**

Pancake race – Shrove Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February

Easter Antics – Easter Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April

May Fayre – May Day Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May

Party on the Prom – Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July

Isle of Wight Day Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September

Father Christmas at Vics 16<sup>th</sup> December

Carols in St Peters Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December