

Nettlestone and Seaview Community Partnership

2019 summary for Annual Parish Meeting

Overview

Nettlestone and Seaview Community Partnership comprises a group of approximately 15 local volunteers. Many of our volunteers have been helping the partnership for a long time (decades) and, as a consequence, nearly all our members are over retirement age.

The main function of the Partnership is to coordinate events in the villages for the benefit of the community. However, more recently, the funds raised at events (raffle ticket sales) have been used for a variety of local projects primarily concerned with enhancing the local environment. The Partnership has taken responsibility for the Open Spaces aspect of Nettlestone and Seaview Parish Council's Parish plan. The Partnership also supports other local AgeUK related groups.

The Partnership meet on an ad hoc basis throughout the year in order to organise the events and discuss other issues related to our wider areas of involvement.

Our annual Spring and Summer events are:

Easter Antics is held on Easter Sunday at Seaview Yacht club

May Fayre is usually held on early May Bank holiday Monday in Madera Road Seaview

Party on the Prom held on Seaview Esplanade on a Saturday evening usually late July

Summer Fayre a new event. Only two held so far. Held in Madeira Road Seaview on a Saturday in mid-August.

Winter events

Light up a Life in conjunction with Mountbatten

Father Christmas at Nettlestone Londis

Family Carols in St Peters

In 2019 all events (with the exception of the Mountbatten Service) were very well attended. We were fortunate to have good weather for all the outdoor events. The weather is vitally important for these events. Poor weather and poor turnout lead to low raffle ticket sales and reduced income.

The money raised from the sale of raffle tickets is used

- to run the events. Party on the Prom is our most expensive event and its only through the generous support of the Old Fort and Yacht Club that a profit is made.
- to plant and maintain all the floral containers in both villages, a total of 16, in conjunction with Care in the Garden
- to maintain the seating area at the bottom of Seaview High street. This entails planting , weeding and the maintenance of benches and memorial plinths. We work in partnership with Care in the Garden and Men in Sheds on this site.
- To purchase and maintain 21 potted Christmas tree and lights used throughout Seaview village in December

The Partnership is an umbrella organisation for a number of smaller groups

Open Spaces

To date daffodils have been planted on land by the Wishing Well, Nettlestone Green and Sophie Watsons garden.

The community seating area at the bottom of the High Street has been extensively refurbished and weeded.

During 3 days in September 2019 Nettlestone Primary school pupils, staff and volunteers were engaged in a litter pick on Seaview Duver beach. The Event coincided with 'Isle of Wight weekend' and also involved Surfers against Sewage. In January this year, with support from an external specialist, two large willow structures were created by pupils. These are to be placed outside for pupils to use for recycling plastic.

Another beach clean is planned for the last week of the Spring term 2020, coinciding with the Great British Spring Clean.

Supporting our Seniors

There are four local groups under this heading

Men in Sheds, Seaview Fun Choir, Seaview Seniors and Silver Surfers

Other

The 2020 Calendar – designed and produced in 2019 has been a great success, generating over £500 profit to date. Its success this year is possibly attributed to the wonderful photographs of old Seaview and Nettlestone on the calendar.

The Partnership are considering options for a 2021 calendar

Summary

2019 was another successful year for the Partnership. Whilst the weather and publicity play a part in this success it is important to acknowledge and thank the Partnership's volunteers, giving their time to make these events happen.

Aspirations for 2020

- To continue to enhance open spaces in the Parish. Either through our commitment to the Parish Plan or other initiatives that arise. For 2020 Spring beach cleans have been planned and in November in conjunction with the Woodland Trust, 105 native trees will be planted in designated areas in both villages.
- To ensure an impressive display of Christmas lights/ decorations throughout both villages in conjunction with the Parish Council and other interested groups.
- To continue to improve events to ensure they benefit the whole community. In particular for 2020 we are combining our Summer Fayre with St Peters Church fete, giving one larger event with much potential.
- To provide support for Nettlestone and Seaview Shed, Seaview Fun Choir and Silver Surfers and other local groups as necessary.
- To be open to other opportunities to enhance our locality both socially and environmentally.