

Committee Reports

July

Events:

Planning for our Autumn/Winter Events are well underway:

We have everything booked/ordered & received for Halloween Disco, this year at Kettlebrook Lodge.

Remembrance is underway, we have secured the services of a cornet player to replace our Bugler who sadly won't be well enough to attend.

Christmas Lights Switch On preparation is well underway, with lots of infrastructure works planned for the next few months.

Christmas Market plans are equally well underway, we have had 44 applications at the time of writing this report. This is approximately 50% of our capacity. This event is being supported by; Cllr Philip Owen in his capacity as County Councillor for Kimberley, Broxtowe Borough Council, Kimberley School and Kimberley Institute Cricket Club.

Through the Kimberley Means Business Illuminations Project, we have/are purchasing: Stage, Marquee, Animatronics for Xmas and Halloween, Event themed Illuminations for Halloween, Remembrance, Christmas and Valentines

Event special effects, projection equipment, flame cannons, haze machines, smoke machines, snow machines, pencil laser projectors & cherry picker.

All of this new equipment and associated infrastructure works will facilitate this Council to continue to provide great community events that get better every year.

Estates & Environment:

All of our routine works continue to progress as normal, there are some jobs such as hedge cutting that are being delayed due to the need for our Maintenance officer to be assisting with the Kimberley Means Business work being undertaken in the town.

The Committee have brought a proposal to the Council for official ratification for the repair work required at the Chapel.

At the time of this report, we are still awaiting the verdict of the Kimberley Cemetery Land Transfer from KTC to Broxtowe Borough Council, a verbal report and written proposal will be on the agenda for this item.

In February this Council approved a Biodiversity policy after news of parish and town council's new statutory duty to consider how best to be biodiverse. It's the committee's pleasure to announce that since February steps we have taken are:

Green Roof, bat and bird boxes planned for the new Kimberley Hub on this location

Wildflowers planted at Knowle Park, with further sites to be identified, and a request to Broxtowe to maintain wildflower meadows at parks to a better standard

3 Living Walls, bird and bug boxes installed at the "W" Garden area.

Through the Kimberley Means Business fund we have also carried out a number of "Townscape" projects that include:

The revitalisation of Toll Bar Square with new benches and planters, new mosaics, new noticeboard, a deep clean and fresh paintjobs on the ironwork in the Square. During the install we have received many positive comments from members of the public, and I am sure we can all agree that Toll Bar Square is now a delightful little town square.

We are also due to complete the install of a cycling shelter for the cycle stands at Toll Bar Square.

You may have also noticed the brilliant installation of 3 Living walls, with bird boxes and bug hotels on the otherwise plain and ugly wall next to W Hair Salon. A new bench has also been installed at the site for the public. This garden area, like all garden areas in central Kimberley will be replanted with new flowers and plants, which in late summer/early autumn will be finished with a series of public realm lighting that will illuminate the garden areas 365 days a year, with special event themed colour programmes to enhance our community events and provide a year long increased aesthetic to the town centre to delight visitors and residents alike.