

Artisan Market

The Artisan Market was well attended this month, mainly earlier on, as Brereton had a Fair which was on the same day which obviously affected custom in the afternoon.

We had a comment from a local retailer, requesting that the stalls outside her shop on Upper Brook Street be facing her, rather than the back to her. We can facilitate this particularly as the shops opposite do not open on a Saturday or are vacant.

We also had a request from stall holders outside Lloyds Bank to be faced the other way as they spend most of their day in the shade which can be chilly. We will ensure that the stalls in the shade are facing the other way around and the stalls to the top end of the street are facing the trading shops.

Generator/Power

As updated by email to CEC, we are looking at ways to utilize existing power in the Town Centre for our outside events. We did a site visit with Stuart to look at when we could install external plugs tapping into existing indoor power sources, which an agreed fee going to the shop owners annually. This would be the most cost effective and 'green' option for us.

We have agreement from Cllrs Cooney, Hodgson & Green to install external plugs to their buildings and are currently seeking approval from other retailers in the town to do the same. In the case of third-party landlords this may not be as simple, and we are very keen to ensure that we have coverage throughout the town.

We will continue to approach shop owners asking for consent where it does not require approval from the landlord.

Community Jubilee Celebrations Proposed Activities

Artisan Market (4th June 2022)

We have sent an advance booking form to our regular artisan stallholders informing them that we will be limiting stalls to 25 for 4th June and they will be allocated on a first come first served basis. We are currently on 22, so are confident that we will be at capacity soon. We have requested payment for the stalls by 1st May.

Charter Fair – Elmore Park

Local inflatable company 'The Best Fun' have done a site visit in Elmore Park with myself and Cllr Lyons. We have confirmed the space required on the day and access points: Cllr Lyons will make Elmore Park accessible for us from Western Springs Rd on the day.

Inflatables will be situated in one long line on the grass area adjacent to Western Springs Rd. We will situate any food outlets on the opposite side of the park on the tarmacked ground.

CCDC have since flagged that they require public liability insurance of up to £10 million rather than the £5 million help by 'The Best Fun' following an accident which happened last year, and TBF have agreed to increase their PLI, which will increase our costs on the day by £150.

Photo Opportunities – Deck Chair

The Giant Deckchair has now been ordered and we are expecting receipt of it in around 2 weeks' time. The total cost was £495 with a company called Aspen print who specialise in them and was the cheapest quote of 4 like for like.

Street Parties

As we reported last month, we have a total 11 Community Groups who have signed up to take space in the Town Centre for their street parties and we are currently working to a ballpark of 52 tables. We are nearly there with furniture - as we updated you furniture costs have sky-rocketed and it is in very short supply, for that weekend, but we have ordered what we can, had offers of others and are waiting on a couple more people to confirm.