

**Report of the Interim Strategic Director****EVENTS IN PARKS****1. Purpose of report**

To update Members on various large scale events on the Borough Parks and Recreation Grounds and to seek continued support for the events.

**2. Detail**

The Council has for a long time, in some cases over 30 years, supported a variety of large scale events organised by clubs, organisations and associations on its Parks and Recreation Grounds. The major ones are detailed in the appendix. Such events attract large numbers of visitors to the parks and are very popular.

Whilst the costs associated with the events are contained within the Parks Revenue Budgets they do have an operational impact with staffing resources having to be moved from other works to assist with additional works associated with the events at times of peak horticultural workload.

**3. Financial implications**

The approximate costs that are funded from the Parks Revenue Budget associated with each event are detailed in the appendix. Whilst this has traditionally been contained within the budget it is appropriate to make members aware of the costs and the staffing implications.

**Recommendation**

**The Committee is asked to RESOLVE that:**

- 1. The Council continues to support the events as detailed with any funding implications contained within the existing revenue budget.**
- 2. Delegated authority be given to the Head of Environment in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Leisure and Environment Committee to consider and approve where appropriate new events, within the existing revenue budget.**

Background papers

Nil

## APPENDIX

Major Events on Parks and Recreation Grounds

| EVENT                        | LOCATION                            | DATE                   | DESCRIPTION   | PARKS FUNDING IMPLICATIONS   | OPERATIONAL/STAFFING IMPLICATIONS  |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|---|--|--|
| Charity Duck Race            | Manor Farm Recreation Ground, Toton | 1 January              | A long standing event run by Age UK with sponsored plastic ducks on the River Erewash   | Minimal  | Organisers use the pavilion as their administrative base for the day.  |
| Hemlock Happening            | Bramcote Hills Park<br>Bramcote     | Early Saturday in June | Major event in the park managed by L Leisure and Bramcote and Stapleford Golden Jubilee Working Group   | Minimal<br>Litter and waste disposal £250  | Possible additional grass cut in week prior to event   |
| 6 a side football tournament | Hall Park<br>Eastwood               | First Sat/Sun in July  | Largest football tournament in Borough operating for over 30 years and attracting teams from all over East Midlands.<br>Managed by Priory Celtic FC | Annual cost £4,500 plus loss of productivity on other jobs whilst work is undertaken | 16 football pitches to mark out. Grass cutting and collection in week before event. Supply bins and clearing collected waste after event |
| Beeston Carnival             | Broadgate Park<br>Beeston           | Early Saturday in July | Running for over 10 years this popular event comprises a full range of stalls, crafts and activities.<br>Managed by Beeston Carnival team           | Annual cost £200   | Bins and cones to deliver and collect before and after event. Possible additional grass cut in week prior to event                       |

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|---------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|---|---|
| Toton Carnival      | Manor Farm Recreation Ground    | Late Saturday in July       | Relatively new event that has increased in size and popularity each year. Various stalls, crafts and activities. Managed by Toton Community Group | Annual cost £400  | Borough Council fund portaloo toilets. Possible additional grass cut in week prior to event   |
| Stapleford Carnival | Ilkeston Road Recreation Ground | First Saturday in September | A long standing event that is now managed by Rotary Club of Beeston. Wide variety of display events, stalls and activities                        | Annual cost £800 includes additional costs for erecting football posts as a one off after the event | Borough Council fund portaloo toilets. Bins and cones to deliver before and after event. Possible additional grass cut in week prior to event |

In addition to the events listed in the table L Leisure operate a programme of events across the Parks and Open Spaces over the summer months. There is no direct financial implication from the Parks Revenue Budget for these events.

Requests are however received for additional grass cutting in the week prior to the events which are accommodated where possible but do sometimes have staffing implications as routine works have to be rescheduled.