

Clerk's report to Full Council 23rd September 2021

The inaugural **car boot sale** on Lion Green went really well, with many residents asking when the next one was happening. There were around 40 vehicles and it raised approximately £350.00 for the Mayor's charities.

The **Haslemere Unlocked** event on Lion Green on 29th August was very well attended, another great town event. Again, we have been asked several times if this could be done on alternate years when the Fringe is not on. This was a collaboration of HTC and local volunteers and showcased the fabulous local talent we have in the area.

Arran has unfortunately left us, we have made an offer of employment to his replacement and they should be starting on 4th October.

Town team. During the pandemic Haslemere Town Council brought together a group of stakeholders who were in contact with residents affected in different ways by Covid. We held regular meetings to work together to see how we could best serve our residents and, more importantly, how we could work together to best serve the town. The meetings turned out to be extremely valuable and our residents definitely benefited from the collaboration that occurred.

We are now looking to widen this and establish a local group which

- have substantial membership from or engagement with the local community
- have premises in the town which attract a significant number of visitors
- organise large events in the town
- have an understanding of the needs of young people locally.

I have therefore extended an invitation to the following organisations to have an exploratory meeting to see if benefit would be had from meeting on a more regular basis:

HTC

Museum

Haslemere Hall

Haslewey

Chamber of Trade

Haslemere Society

Haslemere Events

Woolmer Hill

Beacon Hill Focus Group

Transition Haslemere

Any additional ideas for members will be considered at a future meeting.

We don't intend to host a 'talking shop', there would be a formal Agenda covering items of mutual interest or overlap within the Town.

Dates for the diary:

- 7th October – NP referendum
- Remembrance Sunday, 14th November
- Christmas carols, 16th December

We will be looking for volunteers to help out with Remembrance Sunday and Christmas Carols, please let me know if you are available.