

Trumpington Meadows Delivery & Action Group

FUNDING REQUEST SUMMER EVENT 2021

Trumpington Meadows Delivery & Action Group (TMDAG) are requesting that the South Trumpington Parish Meeting consider a request to give financial support to a 5th Birthday Celebration for the Country Park here at Trumpington Meadows that can be attended by all residents in Trumpington Meadows and possibly other areas of Trumpington.

This proposed event is fully supported by the Wildlife Trust and Becky Ranger and has already received seed core funding from the City South Area Committee and also Barratt and David Wilson Homes, the latter of which has just started work on the delivery of the latest phase of Trumpington Meadows located in South Cambs.

Sadly, Grosvenor Estates, currently the owner of the Meadows until conveyed imminently to the Wildlife Trust no apparently feels unable to support this event financially following what they have described as a review of and I quote *"grant funding/sponsorship and this has now taken place"* They explain that *"the focus is now to explore opportunities connected with mental health, homelessness and the countryside...Focussing on inspiring children and young people early in life (aged 0-25) with opportunities to thrive, build confidence and raise aspirations. Funding will be directed towards organisations who support families, schools and local communities"* It is TMDAG's view that this proposed event on the Meadows does actually fulfil this remit and we will have further conversations with Grosvenor in due course.

In light of the above, we therefore appeal to the Parish Meeting to help with offering additional funding in order to ensure the further success of this community initiative in which the Wildlife Trust are fully aware of our plans and which Grosvenor verbally support but now appear unable to help fund.

Our plan is to make this a free event for residents to attend, partially to make them aware of what the Wildlife Trust, its Rangers and supporters do on behalf of residents, but also to celebrate this amazing facility on our doorstep and hopefully to engage further volunteers to help the upkeep. We also feel it important to engage further with the Trust given that Grosvenor intend to convey the land to the Trust in the coming months and where residents help will become ever more important in the future.

Our intention is to make the event mainly family focussed whilst appealing to ALL residents. We intend to have swing boats, and a helter skelter for children, have booked and agreed a Tuk Tuk to ride on the Meadows throughout the day conveying the less able bodied and elderly residents from here and in Trumpington around the Country Park in a way that they have been unable to do so to date. We will have stalls, a Cow from Cows about Cambridge on the Meadow, The East Anglian Air Ambulance Team, musicians and other street performers in a day of celebration that will start with a launch at the Local Centre with the art work "Yarn Bombed" at 12:00 midday with lots of additional surprises and culminating in a "bring your own picnic" at 5:30 on the "kick about" area followed by a free performance from the City of Cambridge Brass Band between 6:15 and 7:30 when the event finally closes.

The bulk of the funding for the event is likely to be from TMDAG's own finance gained mainly from contributions to the community given by the food vans that have actively supported residents during the last 6 months and which have been welcomed by residents and traders alike. Our committee meeting next week will decide to what level our own funding will take place but it will be useful to know what additional financial support we can achieve in order to make our plans come to fruition - hence this request.

TMDAG has taken out our own Public Liability Insurance for this and other events, are dealing with SAG (the Safety Advisory Group) and others regarding many aspects of this proposed event, will have the relevant licences in advance of the event and have linked with the City Events Team in Cambridge who have offered additional support by supplying performance marquees and gazebos as well as including this event as an additional one of their "Music in the Parks" programme for 2021 for which they will provide additional performers for a session in the afternoon.

We trust that the Parish Meeting will feel able to offer financial support for this event in the way that others have done so far either in monetary terms or in kind and we commend this application to you and the residents of South Trumpington Parish.

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