

Wheatley Play Day 2019

Report for Wheatley Parish Council - Monday 1st October 2018

A meeting recently took place between the Clerk and Martin Gillett (Oxfordshire Play Association (OPA)) to discuss the potential of a 'Wheatley Play Day' for 2019. The outcome of the meeting was positive with OPA offering to support an event as part of their 2019 programme, with future meetings proposed to engage with stakeholders and potential activity providers.

Playdays – what are they?

OPA work with communities to help deliver a day of free activities for families and young people in the local area. Key aims and objectives are:

For Children & Young People

- 1) *Promote Positive Behaviours & Activities (reduce anti-social behavior)*
- 2) *Promote Increased Levels of Physical Activity*
- 3) *Promote Healthy Weight Management (obesity reduction)*

For Parents / Carers

- 1) *Provide an Event offering both **FREE** Entrance & **FREE** Activities to Ensure an Inclusion for **ALL***
- 2) *Demonstrate how Play & Quality Family Time can be achieved on a Zero / Minimal Budget using Natural & Recycled materials*
- 3) *Provide information on services and activities available in the local and wider area*

For Communities

- 1) *Encourage a greater sense of belonging to promote Active & Engaged Communities – 'Love Where You Live'*
- 2) *Promote local clubs, groups and societies*
- 3) *Involve local groups, communities and Children & Young People in the planning and delivery of each event*

Age range

Normally Playdays cater for pre and primary school children, however given the lack of 'youth' provision for secondary school age children it is proposed that the age and activity range is expanded to cater for ALL ages.

Audience

The event would be heavily promoted to the communities in both Wheatley and Holton as well as neighbouring villages.

When and where?

A date is yet to be decided (to be agreed at a future planning meeting), however it is likely to take place either at a weekend mid-June/early-July or a weekday at the start of the school summer holidays.

The preferred location would be Holton/Wheatley playing fields due to the facilities on offer (toilets, parking etc.) Initial conversations with trustees of the site are positive.

Littleworth Fields were considered but would incur additional costs for toilets.

Budget & Resources

A budget of between £4-5,000 can deliver a varied Playday. As with similar projects the budget will be determined by successful grant applications and financial support from external sources: For example:

OCC Cllr Johnson Community Grant application	£1,000
SODC Cllr Toby Newman (Wheatley)	£ 500
SODC John Walsh (Forest Hill and Holton)	£ 500
Wheatley Parish Council	£1,500
Holton Parish Council	£ 300
Wheatley Playing Fields Trust	£ 500
Local business (Grant & Stone, Co-op, Nielsens)	£ 700
TOTAL	£ 5,000

NB No applications have been made to date, figures may be subject to change

The budget would be used to pay for some activities (Go-karts, climbing wall, zorb football, archery, gaming van etc.)

The event would be a joint venture between Wheatley Parish Council and OPA. Practical support could be supplied by OPA, the Clerk and 1-2 parish councillors and/or stakeholders/members of the community.

Health & Safety

Event safety protocols are reviewed annually and according to each venue.

Site risk assessments will be completed in advance of the event.

Each activity provider will be required to submit their own risk assessment and to have appropriate public liability insurance arranged before the event.

Stakeholders/Delivery Partners

Although not an exhaustive list suggested stakeholders and delivery partners are beginning to be identified:

South Oxfordshire District Council - Go Active, - Sports Development, Arts, Neighbourhood/Communities Team)	Oxford Brookes University Health Teams (public health, community dentists, smoking cessation)
Wheatley Parish Council	The Park Sports Centre
Holton Parish Council Wheatley Playing Field Trust	Wheatley Scout Group (Beavers, Cubs, Scouts)
SOHA	Rainbows
The Maple Tree Centre	Army Cadets
Recycle for Oxfordshire	Wheatley Community Churches / Fusion
Wheatley Primary School Wheatley Park School John Watson	Health Teams (public health, community dentists, smoking cessation)
Wheatley Nursery Siblings Nursery	Wheatley/OCC Fire & Rescue Service
British Orchard Nursery	Police/PCSOs
Heart of the Wildwood	Wheatley Library

Wheatley Community Churches / Fusion	Local Sports Clubs (Rugby, Football, Cricket, Tennis, Karate, etc.
Shotover Preservation	Wheatley Vets
Shotover Wildlife	Howe Trust
Wheatley Productions	VPA

Other potential activity providers Oxford University, Science clubs, holiday activity providers, charities, etc.

Recommendations

This event will provide Wheatley Parish Council with an opportunity to engage with and provide opportunities to the younger members of the community, to help promote healthy lifestyles, increase awareness of the council and to work with a wide range of groups within the local and wider community.

It is recommended that Wheatley Parish Council support this event by agreeing to the creation of a small working party to be formed with 1-2 parish councillors, the Clerk and OPA and to approve financial commitment for the event.

This will facilitate an initial meeting to which stakeholders and delivery partners will be invited, to share ideas, answer questions and to agree a date.

Future meetings will be arranged as and when required.

Feedback and reporting

Regular reports will be made to Wheatley Parish Council and stakeholders. A detailed event report will be prepared shortly after the event. An example is attached to this report (Faringdon Play Day 2018).