

KETTERING TOWN COUNCIL

REPORT FOR INFORMATION

Item No:- ME24/031

Committee:-	Markets and Events Committee
Date:-	Wednesday 29 January 2025
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Report Title:-	Events Programme 2025-26
Wards Affected:-	All but mainly Wm Knibb ward

1. Purpose of Report

To update members on events for 2025-26.

2. Recommendations

Members are asked

- a) to agree the schedule of events for 2025-26 and costs for each event.
- b) Agree how to utilise the £5000 for the armed forces day event
- c) Agree that the events brochure includes the armed forces day

3. Information

3.1. Events led by KTC are listed below.

Date	Event	Main partner/ sponsor	Venue	Net Cost
Friday 4 April to Sat 19 April	Easter Town Trail	Town centre retailers	Town centre	£600
Sat 26 April	Vegan Market	Vegan Market Co.	Market Place	£650
Sat 31 May	Summer Saturday – with a voluntary sector theme		Market Place	£1,500
Sat 14 June	Kettfest	KCC	Town Centre	£14,000
Sat 21 June	Go Skate Day	Illicit	Skate Park	£1,500

Sun 22 Jun – Sun 24 Aug inclusive	Bands in the Park	All Saints Church, NNC	Rockingham Rd Park Pleasure Park	£6,000
Sat 28 Jun	Summer Saturday – armed forces theme		Market Place	£1,500
Sat 26 July	Summer Saturday		Market Place	£1,500
Sat 26 July	Skate Event	Illicit	Ise Skate Park	£1,500
Tue 29 July – Wed 20 Aug	Kettering By The Sea		Market Place	£30,000
Fri 29 Aug	Friday Night Disco	Bill Burton	Market Place	£1,500
Sun 30 Aug	Love Food	Wicksteed Park	Wicksteed Park	£0
Fri 13 Sep	Friday Night Disco	Bill Burton	Market Place	£1,500
Sat 26 Oct to Sat 2 Nov	Hallowe'en Trail	Town centre retailers	Town Centre	£500
Thu 2 to Sun 5 October	Continental Market	RR Events Solutions Ltd	Town Centre	£0
Sun 9 Nov Tue 11 Nov	Remembrance Sunday & Armistice Day	Royal British Legion	Town Centre	£3,000
Thu 27 Nov	Christmas Lights Switch On		Town Centre	£13,650
Thu 27 Nov	Christmas Tree		Market place	£2,750
Nov to Jan	Christmas Lights	Blachere	Town Centre	£40,000
Sat 6, 13 and 20 Dec	Christmas Markets		Market Place	£6,000
Dates across December	Christmas Grotto and Giving Tree	Newlands centre; Bonka's	Newlands	£7,600
Tue 27 Jan 2026	Holocaust Memorial Day		Manor House Gardens	£100 Mayoral funds
March 2026	Running Event	RunThrough	Wicksteed Park	£5,000

3.2. The continental market is a new event and members agreed to theme the May Summer Saturday as the voluntary sector and incorporate the “midsummer market” showcase for the voluntary sector within it.

3.3. Events where the Town Council are providing support include items funded through the Kettering Cultural Consortium and the Armed Forces Parade on 8th June 2024. The KCC is still planning for its 2025 programme, and the Council provides £5000 in grant to enable it to do so. A verbal report will be made to this meeting on the current position. These events will also be featured, alongside the Council's, in the events brochure.

3.4. The Armed Forces Parade is being led by the Royal Anglian Regiment's County Colonel and, as discussed at the last meeting, is being supported by KTC. Council on 15th January agreed to provide £5000 funding. Subject to discussion, it is proposed that this would fund

- Provision of portable toilets
- Traffic management for the extensive road closure required for the event
- First aid cover at the event
- Two event supervisors on loan from KTC

To date, the Clerk has spent some time on the event preparation, by liaising with the organiser, and making connections for him. There is likely to be some ongoing workload such as applying for road closures, and agreeing contracts for the items above, but the majority of the work will be borne by Col Bloomfield and his colleagues, who expect to be able to draw in enough volunteers to make the event work well on the day.

3.5. Following feedback from the Royal British Legion, it is proposed that the armed forces theme for the June Summer Saturday will remain, despite the armed forces parade on 8th June, as it's objective, to engage people with the sector, worked well last year and would be lost if included within the armed forces parade event .

4. Consultation and Engagement

The events budget and elements of it are included in the budget consultation process underway. Feedback from events to date has also been factored into the programme planning.

5. Finance, Legal and Resource Implications

The total budget is £115,750, excluding Christmas lights, plus officer time. This includes the events brochure, other advertising and non event specific equipment.

The budget for each event includes for event supervisor costs, market stall provision costs, and promotional material and is net of the income from renting market stalls and other trading concessions..

6. Policy Implications

The Council's policy is to support the economic vitality of the town centre but also to provide events throughout the year.

7. Climate Change Implications

- 7.1. Events are provided to boost the local economy, increase footfall into the town centre and are primarily aimed at local people and bringing them into town, as opposed to them travelling to other town centres. In that sense, they contribute to lower emissions from shorter journey lengths. In so far as local people are involved as traders, entertainers and event providers, then this boosts the very local economy and strengthens local community links.
- 7.2. The manner in which events are provided will also impact on the amount of resources consumed.

8. Other Policy Implications

The corporate plan says:-

Economy

1. The Council will support growth and the continuing economic welfare of the town, provided this growth is as sustainable as it can be.
2. The Council will support the town centre – through encouraging and delivering facilities, through putting on events and markets, and will help to make the town centre safe, attractive, interesting and varied, with local businesses thriving alongside national retailers and service providers.

Health and Community

3. The Council will support measures to improve physical and mental health wellbeing, particularly in the light of the impacts of covid 19, through its own services and in partnership with others.
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