

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

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For the period 23 February to 30th March 2017

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.



HUNSTANTON
HERITAGE GARDENS

The £1.3m project to refurbish the Esplanade Gardens, structures along the cliff top and areas of the Green at Hunstanton is well advanced and will be completed by mid-June 2017. The logo above has been developed by the Activity Co-ordinator and will be used for the marketing of the project, including the events and newsletters. As well as the refurbishment, the Heritage Lottery Fund and the Big Lottery Fund has allowed the Activity Co-ordinator to plan, during April and September, a wide ranging programme of activities. During April there will be events for people of all ages, such as bug hunts, Punch & Judy on the Green, Art on the Green, Nordic Walking and Battle of the Bands.

The Southgates has had a Historic and Architectural Building Survey and Conservation Management Plan completed. At the moment it is in its draft form. This work will inform the interpretation of the site and guide leaflets. This project is funded through the HLF, 'Our Heritage and Young Roots' funding. During the Summer Term and working in partnership with Norfolk Museum Service there are events planned with local schools. Recently volunteers have been recruited to be in attendance during May and September at the Southgates who will be supported by re-enactors to enhance the visitor experience. The installation of improved LED lighting and displays with replica fittings as well as an illustrated guide leaflet will take place in 2018.

The Stories of Lynn Exhibition at the Town Hall was official opened by His Royal Highness, The Duke of Gloucester on 30th March. Pupils from a local school were also in attendance.

The trainee archivist took up his post in December at our Archives Centre. He has been offered a place on a postgraduate Archives and Records Management distant learning course. As well as running the search room with attendances of up to 30 per month, he has been involved in a number of community projects.

All of the West Norfolk holiday guides have been published ready for the new season of holidays; this includes the mini guides for Hunstanton and Downham Market as well as the Discover Kings Lynn map. During the winter the Visit West Norfolk web-site content has been updated. The Visit West Norfolk mobile phone APP is completed and released for use. The APP provides a mobile responsive directory guide within a wide range of categories throughout west Norfolk, such as Events, Things to do. Places to eat and stay and shopping. All participating businesses and venues have been provided with window stickers and flyers to promote the APP.

During the last twelve months Lynn Museum has hosted a Teaching Museum traineeship provided by the Norfolk Museum Service funded through the Arts Council England. Amongst a range of activities she has contributed to social media work, supervised collection volunteers and scheduled displays in the museum reception area. A new trainee will start work at Lynn Museum during mid-April.

Lynn Museum are continuing to work with local schools to deliver a broad range of formal learning sessions. Due to recent changes in the history National Curriculum some programmes have been adapted to include the Seahenge and early history displays. New boxes of handling artefacts have been created for use with schools to help children to investigate local history and archaeology.

2 Forthcoming Activities and Developments.

Four weeks before the Asda Foundation GEAR 10K Run, which is being staged by 'Run For All', registration has closed as 2,500 runners have applied. Bepak has sponsored the Corporate Challenge. There are still a few places in the Bepak sponsored Mini GEAR. Both runs will take place on 30th April which will be supported by many individual volunteers as well as community groups to marshal the route as well as other responsibilities at the Tuesday Market Place.

3 Meetings Attended and Meetings Scheduled

Portfolio meetings with;

Ray Harding Chief Executive
Chris Bamfield Exe. Director Commercial Services
Tim Humphreys Tourism Manager

Resort Staff
Open Space Operations Manager

Cabinet

Regeneration & Development Panel

Alive Management Board

Kings Lynn & West Norfolk Area Museums Committee

Norfolk Armed Forces Covenant Committee

WN Joint Primary Care Co-Commissioning Committee

WNCCG Stakeholders Panel

Hunstanton Coastal Community Team

KL Festival Board

Hunstanton Heritage Gardens Activity Co-ordinator

LILY Board

Norfolk Community Foundation-assessing grants

Stories of Lynn Activities and Engagement Officer

Friends of The Walks

KL Horticultural Society

Trues Yard

In-Collusion Art and Technology group