

Report to Community and Town Promotions committee 23rd April 2020

Virtual Events

1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1 Request permission and determine spend on various events, to cover a 'virtual' offering.

2. Background

- 2.1 Due to the COVID 19 'lockdown' we can't offer St Aldhelm's Fair in the way we were planning, but we still want to offer engagement and activity to our community. Therefore, we are adapting the event to offer online activities, including talks, Phil Harding's Q&A, online craft demonstrations, and competitions.
- 2.2 We would like to offer two riddle competitions and a 'spot the difference' competitions. We have asked Phillip Kingsbury has said we can reproduce some of his work for free and he has agreed to adapt some of his artwork for competitions, though he will need to charge for his time.
- 2.3 We also need to ask Lesley to re-work her poster for us, and this is likely to add to her charges.
- 2.4 There will be almost no other expenses to pay for online events, and therefore have an abundant budget.
- 2.5 Consideration also needs to be given to Malmesbury In Bloom & The Family Trail

3. Proposal

- 3.1 Alternative events are determined and a budget set for each within previously agreed budget unless amendments are required.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1 That the committee agree to the expenditure to support our community and local economy