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Minutes of the Culture & Social Investment Committee Meeting of Workington Town Council which took place at 6.30pm on Tuesday 8th July 2025, held in Workington Town Council Offices, Town Hall, Oxford Street, Workington, CA14 2RS.

Cllr Ellie Wood (Chair)	Present	Cllr Susan Martin (Vice Chair)	Present
Cllr Allan Hodgson	Present	Cllr Neil Schofield	Absent
Cllr Paul Larkin	Absent	Cllr Stephen Stoddart	Present
Cllr John Mills	Present	Cllr David Tennyson	Present
Cllr Patricia Poole	Absent*	Cllr Joan Wright	Absent *

In attendance: Chief Officer/RFO.

C25.15 Absences: Absences notified prior to the meeting were noted from Cllrs Poole and Wright.

C25.16 Declarations of Interest: None

C25.17 Exclusion of Press and Public: None.

C25.18 Public Representation: None.

C25.19 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Resolved: Committee approved the minutes from the meeting on 20th May 2025 and affirmed them a true record.

C25.20 Public Questions: None.

C25.21 Questions and Statements from Members: None.

C25.22 Motions on Notice: None.

C25.23 Budget 2025-2026

Committee noted the budget monitoring report for information.

C25.24 Funding Requests

Resolved: Committee awarded £2,446 to Cumbria Yoga Foundation to host free yoga sessions in Workington from the funding budget line.

Resolved: Committee rejected the funding request from Workington Heritage Group for £1,296.

Resolved: Committee deferred the funding request from Northside Community Centre to the next meeting once the new lease for the building has been agreed.

Cllr Tennyson advised he would speak to Cumberland Council with regards to this.

Committee noted a request from the organisers of Armed Forces Day had been rejected due to the short notice and that the Council already supports this event.

Resolved: Officers to speak to the organisers of AFD and ask if any additional funding could help for the 2026 event.

C25.25 Sports Centre Activities

Committee noted the report for information.

C25.26 Sports Club Update

Committee noted the report for information.

C25.27 Anchor Organisation Support

Resolved: Committee approved funding of up to £2,000 for Anchor organisations that have been approached by Officers (Always Another Way, Blue Sky Trust, Freedom Project, Anti Racist Cumbria, Cumbria Pride and Every Life Matters). Funding from the Pride budget line for Cumbria Pride and from the funding budget line for all others.

C25.28 Events Programme 2025 Update

Resolved: Committee approved up to £1,507.20 for a new gazebo and tablecloth to be used at events from the Cultural Celebrations budget line.

C25.29 Events Programme 2026

Committee noted the report for information and discussed plans for a celebration of 100 years of the bus station in March 2026. The bus station was the first covered bus station in the UK. It was suggested the Council may like to donate a clock.

Officers are meeting with Stagecoach, Cumberland Council and Workington Transport Heritage Trust to discuss plans and will update committee when able.

Meeting ended at 7.26pm.

Detailed Culture and Social Investment Budget 2025-26

Code	Event	Confirmed Budget	Income	Committed	Invoiced	Difference
4545	Christmas Festival	£30,000.00	£0.00	£18,612.00	£10,571.19	£816.81
4545	Christmas Lights	£60,000.00	£0.00	£57,589.83	£995.18	£1,414.99
4545	Christmas	£90,000.00	£0.00	£76,201.83	£11,566.37	£2,231.80
4580	Cultural Marketing	£6,000.00	£0.00	£3,000.00	£3,000.00	£0.00
4590	Funding	£15,000.00	£0.00	£6,000.00	£8,246.00	£754.00
4595	Schools Competition	£3,000.00	£0.00	£2,420.00	£107.84	£472.16
4595	Science Workshops	£4,000.00	£0.00	£192.40	£2,374.00	£1,433.60
4595	Teddy Bear's Picnic	£3,000.00	£0.00	£200.00	£2,285.69	£514.31
4595	Youth & Social Investment	£7,000.00	£0.00	£2,185.00	£1,342.96	£3,472.04
4595	Citizens Advice	£5,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£5,000.00	£0.00
4595	Youth & Social Investment	£22,000.00	£0.00	£4,997.40	£11,110.49	£5,892.11
4650	Armed Forces Day support	£600.00	£0.00	£0.00	£304.06	£295.94
4650	Cultural Celebrations	£10,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,218.07	£8,781.93
4650	Easter	£2,100.00	£0.00	£200.00	£1,608.24	£291.76
4650	Halloween	£10,000.00	£300.00	£6,125.84	£4,753.83	-£579.67
4650	Oddsocks	£15,500.00	£0.00	£41.31	£14,234.85	£1,223.84
4650	Pride Event	£5,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£2,000.00	£3,000.00
4650	VE Day Beacon Lighting	£1,500.00	£0.00	£103.74	£1,254.46	£141.80
4650	Cultural Celebrations	£44,700.00	£300.00	£6,470.89	£25,373.51	£13,155.60
4652	Party in the Park	£25,000.00	£0.00	£236.46	£24,285.92	£477.62
4655	Festival of Running	£10,000.00	£0.00	£875.50	£9,019.84	£104.66
4685	Reach Out	£10,000.00	£0.00	£100.00	£10,616.82	-£716.82
Total		£222,700.00	£300.00	£97,882.08	£103,218.95	£21,898.97

Expression of Interest for Funding Form

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If you would prefer, you can download a Word version of this form on our website - www.workingtontowncouncil.gov.uk/grantsandfunding

The form is made up of three sections and allows you to provide information about your organisation(s) and the project/service for which you are seeking funding.

Email *

coastalcommunities@outlook.com

Contact Information

Applicant contact name *

Angela larkin

Applicant contact phone number *

07596677942

Lead organisation address *

c/o 37 Jackson road, Workington, Cumbria ca145na

Your Organisation

Please provide the name of your lead organisations and any partner organisations? Please provide registered company and/or charity numbers where applicable. *

Coastal communities

Please state the aims and objectives of your lead organisation. *Please provide a mission statement where available.* (max. 150 words * per organisation)

We aim to provide the Harrington Marina day annually for the local and wider community with as little cost to the user as humanly possible. It's a day of fun, music, activities stalls and food/ drink vendors. As well as free gift bags for the children

Please provide a full breakdown of the lead organisation's annual income and expenditure. *

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Please provide a copy of your bank statement.

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Please use this space to provide examples of recent activity by your organisation(s) that have benefited the people of Workington. (max. 150 words) *

We have held the day successfully since 2023 with exceptional footfall well beyond our expectations. Lots of people have benefited from raffle prizes of things they would never be able to afford. We have provided days of fun, entertainment free inflatables free activities fairgrounds and information stalls. All our feedback has been exceptional with no negative comments. In all the days have been extremely successful.

Do you have a constitution? *

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

Do you have a safeguarding policy? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Are all your staff DBS checked? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Please provide a summary of your proposal. *Please include details of your plans, how they will be achieved and your objectives / anticipated outcomes. (max. 500 words)* *

We propose to hold the Harrington Marina day 2025 on Saturday 23rd Sugudt from 10-4. We are having musical entertainment throughout the day from local bands singers and choirs, we also have bj the children’s entertainer. Fairground rides, inflatables, food and drinks vendors and stall holders selling locally made goods. We already have a grant for children’s gift bags which we are well underway making. We have all the emergency services attending with interactive activities for users, maryport rescue are bringing one of their boats for people to look at . We have an inflatable hobby horse competition running this year for the kids with every child getting a rosette for entering and a voucher for a £50 day at Cumbria heavy horses as first prize. We also have Workington town rlfc attending and doing activities with adults and children. We just want to provide people with a day of fun activities for as little cost as possible.

Please explain the challenge(s) your proposal seeks to address. *Please provide detail of how this challenge affects the areas reached by your project. (max. 200 words)* *

We seek to address the poverty in Workington, we want to give kids and families a cheap day out but something to create memories to last forever. Something for children to talk about when they return to school in September especially the children whose families can’t afford holidays . It’s just something we want to give back to the community!

How many participants do you expect to reach during the course of funding? *

Over 2000

Please state the amount of funding you wish to apply for: *

Committees are happy for no specific amount to be entered here. We just ask for a full understanding of your service/project and the costs you will incur. Committees will then discuss and decide how much funding they can support you with.

£1000

Please provide a full breakdown of how the funding will be spent. *

This can be provided as a separate document if required, just email it to office@workingtontowncouncil.gov.uk.

First aid, £350, security. £253. Gazebos £100 van hire £270

Have you approached other funding sources? If so, please list them and the amount you have applied for. *

Sellafield £1000 for gift bags,
Bec £1000 denied
Dobies charitable trust £450
Cumberland building society £250
Freemasons £2000 denied

Have you previously had funding from Workington Town Council? If so, please list them including the amount and year the funding was received. *

2023 £300

Do you confirm that any funding received from Workington Town Council will be used for events/activities and services within the parish of Workington only? *

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure
- ☐ Other: _____

Is there a date or time frame you would need the funding by? *

If possible before 23/8/25 or before end September _____

Contact

Thank you for expressing an interest in receiving funding from Workington Town Council. One of our Officers will be in touch shortly to discuss your proposal in more detail.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.
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Please ensure that all information requested is supplied. If it is not, your application may be delayed in being considered by committee.

Section 1 – Contact information

1. Applicant contact name

Rev Dominic de MATTOS

2. Applicant contact e-mail

Rev.domdem@gmail.com

3. Applicant contact phone number

07851 095264

4. Lead organisation address

The Rectory, Rectory Close, Harrington, CA14 5PN

Section 2 – Your organisation(s)

- 5. Please provide the name of your lead organisation and any partner organisations. Please provide registered company and/or charity numbers where applicable.**

St Mary's Harrington

- 6. Please state the aims and objectives of your lead organisation. Please provide a mission statement where available. (max. 150 words per organisation)**

To provide support and guidance to those seeking to develop their Christian faith, and as an outworking of that faith to provide care and support for the physical and spiritual needs of the whole community, regardless of their faith.

- 7. Please provide a full breakdown of the lead organisation's annual income and expenditure.**

This can be provided as a separate document.

Please see attached our 2024 accounts

- 8. Please provide a copy of your last bank statement**

Please provide this as a separate document.

- 9. Please use this space to provide examples of recent activity by your organisation(s) that have benefited the people of Workington. (max. 150 words)**

We host a warm welcome café every week that is open to the whole community, providing free drinks and cake and a warm space. We host a low cost baby and toddler stay and play group open to all babies and toddlers in the community and their carers. We provided a free kite making experience in 2024 at the Harrington Fun Day, making 134 kites for children across the community.

- 10. Do you have a constitution?**

Yes – see attached

- 11. Do you have a safeguarding policy?**

Yes

- 12. Are all your staff DBS checked?**

Yes

Section 3 – Your proposal

- 13. Please provide a summary of your proposal. Please include details of your plans, how they will be achieved and your objectives / anticipated outcomes. (max. 500 words)**

We aim to repeat our free kite making experience at the 2025 Harbour Day, with other fete type children's activities. We wish to purchase a gazebo to provide some shelter from the sun / rain and the necessary raw materials to be able to make 150 kites. We want all children who come to the harbour day to be able to experience the fun of making and flying a kite.

- 14. Please explain the challenge(s) your proposal seeks to address. Please provide detail of how this challenge affects the areas reached by your project. (max. 200 words)**

The Harbour Day draws people from a wide area including deprived areas of Salterbeck, Mossbay and Westfield. Providing a simple, fun and above all free activity ensures inclusivity of all, no matter what their socio-economic background

15. How many participants do you expect to reach during the course of funding?

150 children and their families

16. Please state the amount of funding you wish to apply for, providing a full breakdown of how the funding will be spent.

£250 contribution towards the cost of the materials and the gazebo

17. Have you approached other funding sources? If so, please list them and the amount you have applied for.

No

18. Have you previously had funding from Workington Town Council? If so, when was this and what was the funding spent on?

Yes. We received a grant the Christmas magazine in October 2023, and a grant for the King's Coronation celebrations

19. Do you confirm that any funding received from Workington Town Council will be used for events/activities and services within the parish of Workington?

Yes

20. If you were successful, what date would you require the funding by?

We would appreciate a grant payment before the end of 2025

21. Is there a date or time frame you would need the funding by?

We would appreciate a grant payment before the end of 2025

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About this form

We are delighted that Workington Town Council was able to fund/contribute towards your project/event and we hope it was a success.

It is a condition that the recipient completes a form confirming that the funding has been used for the purpose requested. Therefore, please take a few moments to complete this form within six months of completing your project or event to tell us how it went and please feel free to upload any photos, we would love to see them.

If you have not yet spent the entire grant, we ask that you return this form as an interim report and then submit a final report no later than eight months after receiving the grant.

1. Organisation Name:
Vulcan Park Bowling Club
2. Date grant was awarded:
04 February 2025
3. Amount of grant awarded:
£1,000
4. Purpose of grant:
To purchase mini bowls and equipment to help young people and those with a disability.
5. Please describe how your grant was used:
Putcase: Ball launcher £83 x 2, Drakes Bowling arm £185 x 2, Taylor Ace Junior Bowls £180 x 4 Telescopic Bowl & jack lifter £32.
This allowed 5 adults with back and hip pain to use the launcher and bowling arm to continue bowling. (4 not from our club)

The junior bowls has allowed 108 young people to safely experience the game of bowls, 9 women have been introduced to bowling initially playing with junior bowls before progressing to small adult bowls.

6. Is your project/event finished

Yes this year

The money allocated and the equipment purchased will allow many years of safe activities to young people and adults with disabilities.

7. What were/are the results so far of your use of the grant:

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The junior bowls has allowed 108 young people to safely experience the game of bowls.

112 individual episodes for those with severe learning or disabilities, plus carers

9 women have been introduced to bowling initially playing with junior bowls before progressing to small adult bowls.

8. How many members/volunteers took part in your project/event?

A total of 12 members have supported a variety of events over the year.

Initially with supervised demonstrations

One to one instructions and support in the use of equipment

Group projects for: Children aged 2 to 14

4 disability groups,

2 open days

9. How many people benefitted from your project/activity?

Currently 224

10. What difference has the funding made in the locality/community?

(Please note that we will use part/all of these quotes to promote our grants)

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11. Please provide a breakdown as to how you spent your grant:

Ball launcher £83 x 2, Drakes Bowling arm £185 x 2, Taylor Ace Junior Bowls £180 x 4

Telescopic Bowl & jack lifter £32

12. What other funding (if any) was used?

Vulcan Park Bowling Club funds to make up the difference of cost of equipment

13. Please provide copies of any publicity material you used, any press cuttings and other publicity achieved.

Please see Vulcan Park Bowling club and the Mayors facebook pages

14. Please (where appropriate) provide photographs of your event/project (ideally in electronic format attached to this document or to the email address below).

15. Please see attached selected photos but please see Vulcan Park Bowling club and the Mayors facebook pages





CULTURE & SOCIAL INVESTMENT COMMITTEE	Agenda Item No. 14
Meeting date: 23rd September 2025	
From: Chief Officer	
Title: Anchor Organisation Support	

1. RECOMMENDATION

Committee to note the report for information.

2. DETAIL

The following organisations have been contacted and offered £2,000 funding. They are all working on programmes for the funding and an outline of what they are hoping to achieve is below:

At a previous committee meeting it was agreed to contact key anchor organisations in the town to discuss how the Council can provide funding support to them.

Always Another Way (Improving Mental Health and Well-Being)	We propose to deliver comprehensive Mental Health and Wellbeing Awareness programmes for children in schools across Workington. Our aim is to equip young people—particularly those in Year 6—with effective coping strategies and practical resources to support their emotional wellbeing, with a strong emphasis on early intervention and crisis prevention. Our delivery model includes interactive classroom sessions as well as full-school assemblies, tailored to suit the needs of each school. In addition to core mental health education, we offer engaging and evidence-based workshops such as Laughter Yoga and introduce students to a range of alternative therapeutic approaches to promote resilience, confidence, and self-awareness. Our approach is inclusive, proactive, and designed to create a lasting positive impact on young minds during a critical stage of their development.
Blue Sky Trust & Eyes Open	Creative Arts and Crafts around HIV and sexual health – to deliver 4 creative activities in the community with refreshments.
Anti-Racist Cumbria	Proposal: A conference or ‘mini summit’ that would be an introduction to Anti Racism for schools and how schools might embed this work in their own practice Delivery: It would be a day session in 2 parts. First half looking at What is anti-racism? and how does it show up today?. Second half would be looking at how to turn some of this learning in to action across schools/clusters (including decolonising the curriculum, anti racism in schools, and The Fell We climb). We will also introduce the idea of an Anti Racist Education Lead (AREL) as an approach that might continue and support schools as they develop their anti-racism.
Cumbria Pride	We would like to run a ‘Family and Community Day’ in Workington, creating a safe, welcoming, and inclusive space for LGBT+ individuals, families, and allies. The event will include support and information stalls, family-friendly entertainment, and activities for all ages. The event aims to promote community cohesion, visibility, and access to support across Cumbria.
Every Life Matters (Suicide Safer Cumbria)	Delivery of 7 suicide prevention training (bitesize awareness) targeting organizations who work with CYP across the area. This will include third sector organizations, schools (not currently engaged in suicide safer schools project) sports clubs and open sessions for parents.

Freedom Project (Domestic Violence Support)	We will be delivering an in-depth and interactive workshop programme at Workington Academy and St Joseph's Catholic High School, aimed at Year 9 and Year 10 students. The workshops are designed to: • Build understanding of the cycle of abuse • Help students recognise unhealthy and abusive behaviours, including misogynistic attitudes • Explore power and control dynamics in relationships • Promote respect, equality, and healthy relationships • Provide guidance on safe ways to seek help and support To ensure sessions remain interactive and meaningful, each year group will be split into four smaller groups, resulting in eight workshops per school. We believe it is vital to engage young people in open, honest, and age-appropriate conversations about relationships and behaviour. Frontline experience shows that many young people are already exposed to harmful messages around gender, relationships, and abuse whether through peer groups, online platforms, or wider social influences. By addressing these issues early, we aim to: • Challenge and prevent normalisation of abusive or misogynistic behaviour • Equip students with the tools to identify unhealthy patterns before they escalate • Encourage respect, empathy, and equality in all relationships • Break down stigma around seeking help and highlight safe support pathways • Empower young people to become active bystanders and positive role models for their peers These workshops are not only preventative but also supportive, giving students the confidence and knowledge to make safer choices and contribute to a culture of respect and equality within their schools and communities.
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The organisations were very grateful for the funding and all stated that obtaining additional funding for projects that are already established, rather than brand new, is becoming increasingly difficult. They therefore hope that this can be an ongoing partnership with the Council.

3. BUDGET IMPLICATION

£2,000 allocated to each organisation within the current budget.



CULTURE & SOCIAL INVESTMENT COMMITTEE	Agenda Item No. 15
Meeting date: 23 rd September 2025	
From: Chief Officer	
Title: Events Programme 2025 update	

1. RECOMMENDATION

- a) Members are recommended to receive the report for information.
- b) Committee to consider costs for the bus station 100 years celebration

2. DETAIL

a) Events Update 2025

i. Festival of Running – Sunday 10th August

This event was very well attended and the new location of the cricket club was very well received. It allowed more space for other activities and the runners to relax after the race.

Race numbers:

	2024	2025
HALF MARATHON	129	95
10K	111	156
5K	75	66
FUN RUN	95	81

Although numbers were down for the half marathon, there was a significant increase in the 10k entries. The running club advise that this is normal and would see the 10k runners next year taking on the half.

We are discussing with the club the potential to add a full marathon in 2027.

ii. Science Booth Workshops – Summer Holidays

Always popular over the Summer, although not as popular as previous years.

Helena Thompson Museum, Park End Rd, Workington CA14 4DE	Friday 8th August CONFIRMED	11am - 12pm	Flight School	12.30pm - 1.30pm	Engineering Marvels Mission	2pm - 3pm	Fire Fiesta	
NUMBER OF ATTENDEES			14		31		26	71
Parish Rooms at St Mary's Church, Salisbury St, Workington CA14 3TS	Wednesday 13th August CONFIRMED	11am - 12pm	Edible Explorations	12.30pm - 1.30pm	Squishy Slime Lab	2pm - 3pm	Poptastic Potions	
NUMBER OF ATTENDEES			25		32		24	81
Harrington Youth Club, 26 Church Rd, Harrington, Workington CA14 5PT	Monday 18th August CONFIRMED	11am - 12pm	Fire Fiesta	12.30pm - 1.30pm	Edible Explorations	2pm - 3pm	Squishy Slime Lab	
NUMBER OF ATTENDEES			24		26		30	80
Moorclose Community Centre, Needham Dr, Workington CA14 3SE	Thursday 21st August CONFIRMED	11am - 12pm	Poptastic Potions	12.30pm - 1.30pm	Edible Explorations	2pm - 3pm	Fire Fiesta	
NUMBER OF ATTENDEES			25		22		17	64
Carnegie Theatre, Finkle St, Workington CA14 2BD	Tuesday 26th August CONFIRMED	11am - 12pm	Poptastic Potions	12.30pm - 1.30pm	Engineering Marvels Mission	2pm - 3pm	Flight School	
NUMBER OF ATTENDEES			28		18		5	51

iii. Sports Centre Activities

These have been well received; however, it has taken up a lot of resource. Originally the LC advised they would take bookings, but then couldn't, which meant Officers have had to handle this and it has been extremely difficult. The suggestion for next year, if committee wishes, is to give funding to the Leisure Centre again, is that they would be responsible for managing the bookings.

	Available	Booked	Attended
Climbing Wall - 23.07.2025	14	14	16
Climbing Wall - 30.07.2025	12	12	11
Climbing Wall - 06.08.2025	14	4	11
Climbing Wall - 13.08.2025	12	12	10
Climbing Wall - 20.08.2025	12	12	10
Climbing Wall - 27.08.2025	14	11	10
Badminton - 23.07.2025 x 2	20	9	9
Badminton - 30.07.2025 x 2	8	8	8
Badminton - 06.08.2025 x 2	14	8	8
Badminton - 13.08.2025 x 2	12	12	7
Badminton - 20.08.2025 x 2	12	12	7
Football (3G Pitch) - 21.07.2025	8	7	7
Football (3G Pitch) - 23.07.2025	12	12	6
Football (3G Pitch) - 25.07.2025	12	6	6
Football (3G Pitch) - 28.07.2025	8	6	6
Football (3G Pitch) - 30.07.2025	8	6	6
Football (3G Pitch) - 31.07.2025	8	6	4
Football (3G Pitch) - 01.08.2025	14	4	4
Football (3G Pitch) - 04.08.2025	8	6	4
Football (3G Pitch) - 08.08.2025	8	4	4
Football (3G Pitch) - 11.08.2025	8	4	4
Football (3G Pitch) - 13.08.2025	20	7	3

Football (3G Pitch) - 15.08.2025	20	3	3
Football (3G Pitch) - 18.08.2025	8	2	2
Football (3G Pitch) - 20.08.2025	8	3	2
Football (3G Pitch) - 22.08.2025	14	2	2
Junior Fitness Class - 31.07.2025	14	2	2
Junior Fitness Class - 07.08.2025	12	2	2
Junior Fitness Class - 14.08.2025	12	6	2
Junior Fitness Class - 20.08.2025	12	2	2
Junior Gym - 21.07.2025 x 2 sessions	20	2	2
Junior Gym - 30.07.2025 x 2 sessions	8	2	2
Junior Gym - 07.08.2025 x 2 sessions	8	3	2
Junior Gym - 12.08.2025 x 2 sessions	14	1	1
Junior Gym - 21.08.2025 x 2 sessions	14	1	1
Pickle Ball - 23.07.2025 x 2 sessions	14	2	1
Pickle Ball - 30.07.2025 x 2 sessions	14	0	0
Pickle Ball - 06.08.2025 x 2 sessions	14	0	0
Pickle Ball - 13.08.2025 x 2 sessions	14	0	0
Pickle Ball - 20.08.2025 x 2 sessions	14	0	0
Table Tennis - 23.07.2025 x 2 sessions	14	0	0
Table Tennis - 30.07.2025 x 2 sessions	20	0	0
Table Tennis - 06.08.2025 x 2 sessions	8	1	0
Table Tennis - 13.08.2025 x 2 sessions	8	1	0
Table Tennis - 20.08.2025 x 2 sessions	8	2	0

Feedback from the sports centre:

"We think overall, our joint programme went well, and we would look forward to working with you again in the future. We received some good verbal feedback from our customers and had no serious complaints to report back.

Some areas we might look to work on next time:

- If on the online booking form, we can better list parents and children respectively, we found sometimes a family friend/another parent would book multiple kids who weren't their own so it just made it difficult tracing who was booked on with them all having the same booker (adult's name down).
- Possible reduction of climbing wall customer numbers per slot (ease pressure on our staff supervising etc).
- Review feasibility of junior fitness class type (if we can improve turnout so it is better attended to provide better cost ratio to yourselves, gym induction/session was much better attended, and we received some good feedback how they found our gym).

iv. Teddy Bears Picnic – Tuesday 12th August

A company called Vivid Events were responsible for this event for us and they did a great job. It was very well attended on the day. They had 250 second hand bears for people to adopt and had to go and buy more from the charity shops because they ran out.

The British Bear booked by WTC officers went down very well. There was storytelling, going on a bear hunt, teddy bear parachute, crafts and more!

v. Halloween – Friday 31st October

The following has been organised for the Halloween event.

Halloween Festival

Helena Thompson Museum

Friday 31st October 2025

11am to 4:30pm

Crafts, face painting, Science Booth workshops, pumpkin picking / carving, haybales and props, fun fair (tbc).

We will be running a special sensory session at the start of the event from:

11am to 12:30pm – Sensory Sessions – 30 Tickets available.

Then hourly sessions from from 12:30pm to 4:30pm;

270 tickets available.

12:30pm to 1:30pm – 60 tickets available

1:30pm to 2:30pm – 60 tickets available

2:30pm to 3:30pm – 60 tickets available

3:30pm to 4:30pm – 60 tickets available

Then in the evening

6:30pm to 9pm – Hall Tours inside Workington Hall

HTM running tours & taking bookings

6pm to 10pm – Scare Walk in Hall Park

This is being ran by Vivid Events and the tickets have been very popular, nearly sold out.

250 tickets booked through WTC (Eventbrite)

Officers applied for £2,000 funding from Cumberland Council and have been awarded £300 towards this event.

viii) Christmas Festival – Saturday 29th November

Plans are progressing well for the Christmas Festival, including booking a VR sleigh ride for the event! Plus, crafts, face painting, gingerbread workshops etc.

Lettes have been sent out to local businesses to ask them to get involved and contact us to discuss.

Officers have obtained costs for large marquees on the car park by King's (the smaller car park by M & S) and outside Bensons for Beds / The Entertainer.

While the Carnegie will be used again for activities, as it was last year, Officers feel that wet /windy weather plans are required. At that time of year, the weather is unpredictable and this will avoid smaller gazebos needing to be used that can't be put up if windy (or would have to be take down on the day).

Marquees will house activities, entertainment and the Christmas market. This will negate the need to use empty shop units, which are few and far between and in previous years units offered to WTC have been taken at the last minute, requiring officers to re-arrange plans for the festival very last minute.

viii) Bus Station 100 Years Celebration

Workington Bus Station will be 100 years old on 19th March 2026.

Officers have met with Stagecoach and Workington Transport Heritage Trust with regards to a celebration to take place on Saturday 14th March 2026:

- Stagecoach will be running a competition with the local schools to design new artwork to feature inside the bus station.
- Stagecoach is planning on a vintage rally with Transport Heritage Trust at their Lillyhall depot, with buses running from town to the depot.
- Stagecoach is purchasing commemorative pin badges which they will sell and 100% of the proceeds will be donated to The Mayor of Workington's charities.

Suggestions for the Council's involvement:

- Vintage buses on display in Vulcan Park and Stagecoach's specially wrapped 100 years bus to also feature in the park. Council would arrange for face painting and crafts, also fun fair etc.
- Council could also arrange photos display in Vulcan Park of the bus station through the years – WTHT will have photos and maybe HTM.
- Council to donate a clock; this would be located on the office side of the wall inside the bus station and can be connected to electric.

1 x heritage clock in one of our standard colours with Roman and Arabic numerals, standard style clock hands and mains power movement.
Standard clock colours available: Black, White, British Racing Green, Navy Blue, Light French Blue or Burgundy.

Dial to incorporate printed complex logo sign writing.

HERITAGE CLOCKS | Hawkins Clock Company | Large Clocks

72" clock cost: £2475 (1.82m).

Synchronous Clock Controller: £300

Installation: £300

Delivery: £70 + VAT

Synchronous Clock Controller ensures the clock stays accurate after a power failure, automatically resetting to the correct time 12 hours later. Pre-programmed with daylight saving time changes, it requires no manual adjustments. Easy to install on any mains-powered clock (230V supply required), it guarantees precise timekeeping year-round.

3. BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

Approx. £3200 clock and 100 years celebration event budget £3,000 from Cultural Celebrations budget line

Pin badge design





CULTURE & SOCIAL INVESTMENT COMMITTEE	Agenda Item No. 16
Meeting date: 23 rd September 2025	
From: Chief Officer	
Title: Events Programme 2026	

1. RECOMMENDATION

- a) Committee to start considering the events programme for 2026.
- b) Committee to consider stall prices and set for future years.

2. DETAIL

a)

Workington Town Council - DRAFT Events Programme 2026			
Date	Event	Venue	Time
Friday 29th May 2026	Reach Out	Vulcan Park	11am - 4pm
Saturday 27th June 2026	Armed Forces Day**	Vulcan Park	11am
Friday 3rd July	Romeo and Juliet - Schools performance	Vulcan Park	10.30am
	Romeo and Juliet - evening performance		7pm
Saturday 4th July	Party in the Park	Vulcan Park	11am to 6pm
	Romeo and Juliet evening performance		7pm
Saturday 25th July 2026	Party in the Park	Vulcan Park	11am - 7pm
Sunday 2nd August 2026	Festival of Running	TBC	9am - 4pm
Tuesday 11th August 2026	Teddy Bears Picnic	Vulcan Park	12pm-3pm
Saturday 28th November 2026	Christmas Festival	Town Centre	11am - 5pm

****Note:** AFD is not a WTC event.

Suggestion: Offer money to community centres / groups to host their own Easter, Summer, Halloween & Christmas events.

b) Stall Prices:

Currently the Council charges the following for stalls to attend events:

Gift/homeware stall / coffee / ice cream - £25 per day

Food and drink - £50 per day

Charity - £10

The above prices include gazebo, electric, table and chair hire, so regardless of what equipment the Council has to provide for them they don't pay any extra.

Currently the Council pays the following to hire items:

Tables - £6.75 per table

Chair - £1.60 per chair

Gazebo - £10 hire, plus approx.. £23 per gazebo to erect and dismantle.

Proposed new prices for 2026 and onwards (to be reviewed when appropriate):

For a stall only = 3m x 3m space

Gift / homeware stall / coffee / ice cream - £30 per day

Other food and drink - £70 per day

Charity - £20 per day

Prices would be reduced slightly, at Officers discretion, if the event is indoors, space usually approx. 2m x 2m.

The following cost to be added if they wish to hire additional equipment:

Gazebo - £20

Chair - £1.60

Table - £6.75

Electric - £5

The Council usually provide stalls and equipment free of charge for the Reach Out event, given the type of event is it and Officers will look for funding for this event if committee are happy to keep this agreement with stalls.

3. BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

Committee to consider budget setting for 2026-2027.