

## WCLC – Response to WPC Queen’s Jubilee Proposals

Dear Andrew

Thank you for sharing your thoughts on Her Majesty’s Platinum Jubilee. Two of our Trustees worked through the Council’s ideas and we discussed them as a team at our Trustee meeting last night. As well as the Jubilee, we took the opportunity to discuss areas where the Charity and the Council might collaborate for the benefit of the Village. Very happy to discuss further once Councillors have given it some thought.

### PLATINUM JUBILEE

1. Unfortunately, large-scale tree planting is quite challenging for the Charity under our agreement with Natural England and is prohibited for the SSSI (Sites of Special Scientific Interest) which includes the Common. However the Trustees are very supportive of a small number of commemorative specimen trees, with suitable plaques, and will investigate suitable locations and species. The Charity is happy to organise and fund this initiative.
2. For the Golden Jubilee in 2002 and the Diamond Jubilee in 2014 the Charity commissioned commemorative mugs which were presented to all children in the Village. The Trustees are planning to do the same again for the Platinum Jubilee. This would be for children who are full-time residents of the Village (currently 41). We will also look at making mugs available for sale if this is feasible.
3. Going back to 1953, commemorative plaques have been placed on the Village sign (now signs) to mark Jubilees. As previously, the Charity plans to commission and fund two plaques for the Platinum Jubilee.
4. On the street party, the Trustees were very supportive of an event on the Green. Individual Trustees were happy to volunteer, for example organising children’s games and competitions. The Charity is setting a budget for the Jubilee as a whole, once we have costs for the other initiatives, we can advise you of the contribution we can make towards the street party.

### VILLAGE INITIATIVES

1. The Trustees felt that the Stocks Lane notice board refurbishment was more of a Village project than a Jubilee specific project. They would be pleased to consider a proposal to support this initiative when the Council is ready. The Trustees also thought it would be worthwhile considering the notice board on Ferry Road by the post box.
2. The Charity and the Council have previously discussed improving the footpath leading past the shops on the Green. The loose gravel makes it difficult to walk, particularly for those with limited mobility or those requiring a wheelchair or walking frame. The gravel also encourages people to walk on the grass, which pretty well kills it off in the summer. The new surface around the Heritage Hut corner appears to be working well, maybe the Council, Charity and East Suffolk Council could collaborate on this project?
3. Given that the Green is for the community as a whole, the Trustees would be pleased to consider a proposal to assist in any future refurbishment / improvement projects.

Best wishes

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