

# Abingdon Town Council

## Summer events working party

### 1pm, 2 February 2023

**Present:**

Cllr Helen Pighills                      Chair  
Cllr Neil Fawcett

Victoria Moore                      Properties and Events Officer  
Andy Crick                              Democratic Services Officer

Cllr Pighills was nominated and agreed to be Chair.

## 1. Bun throwing

To set a date and time for the event.

Coronation – Saturday 6 May

Bun throwing – Sunday 7 May, 5pm, with preliminary events from 3pm

To include current councillors and newly elected councillors.

Guests to be formally invited by the Mayor:

- Freepersons
- MP
- Lord Lieutenant or their representative

Others invited before and to be considered: emergency services, youth groups, Covid volunteers

## 2. Other events

Abbey Cinema is planning a concert in Abbey Gardens in June or July 2023 and have asked the town council if it would be interested in participating. The working party considered this and agreed that it did not want the town council to participate in this event.

### 'Coronation Fun in the Park'

Fun in the Park event on Sunday 6 May at Abbey Close from 10am to 4pm, with a soft close to allow people to remain in the park and move over to the Market Place for the bun throwing.

- Clubs and societies invited to join the event
- Small stage for community performers

- Access along Abbey Close would need to be managed to enable stallholders to access the site safely
- Free event, site open to everyone
- Abbey Close car park will be needed for stallholders and general access. To be requested from the district council.
- Brass band to be invited to perform
- Catering should be more limited as families are likely to bring picnics

It was suggested that local venues in the town centre could be invited to organise evening events on the day.

### Music in the Park

Separate event to be organised later in the year

- Earlier start than in previous years – 12pm suggested
- Possible drone display
- Local bands
- Tribute band to finish
- Event to be ticketed based on previous similar events

HP left the meeting at 1.45pm

Date: previous Fun and Music in the Park events have been held in September.  
Saturday 2 September proposed.

Properties and Events Manager to consult with the Cemeteries and Outdoor Services Manager on arrangements for organising the event.

### Budget

To be split between three events (Bun Throwing, Coronation Fun in the Park, Music in the Park) for clarity of accounting. Properties and Events Manager to bring draft budgets to Community Committee on 7 February 2023, in consultation with the RFO.