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Subject: Connecting Wichelstowe - Meeting Notes 1st May

Dear All

Thank you very much for joining the first Connecting Wichelstowe meeting. I have included a few notes below and as discussed feel free to contact me with any ideas or funding opportunities

CONNECTING WICHELSTOWE PURPOSE

- To co-ordinate and deliver bigger and better events for Wichelstowe residents
- To make best use of funding sources, facilities and peoples' time to support the community
- To prevent clashing events (e.g Christmas events at the same time) and duplicating events (e.g multiple trails / easter egg hunts in the same area)
- To support local charities

EVENTS DISCUSSED

1) Boardwalk Opening

- Event to mark the opening of the boardwalk joining Middle and West Wichel
- Date to be agreed in early July - Avoid 5th July (Wroughton Carnival)
- Huntly Trail day – Led by Swindon Travel Choices and Wichelstowe DMT – A one day event to promote the trail with information and on the day prizes (potentially provided by Wichelstowe businesses). The trail will be available for the rest of the summer for people to complete individually.
- School visits to the boardwalk and ponds
- Wichelstowe run (including the boardwalk) – Led by Wichelstowe Runners (Owen) – Run to be open to all and potential to partner with other running groups

2) Remembrance Day

- To make the poppy wall at Kingfisher school bigger and better. Potential to extend to include the Willowbrook side of the walkway and create a focussed area of poppies.
- Local groups and school children to be included in making the poppies (paper, crochet etc)
- The group were also invited to lay wreaths in Wroughton / school children can be involved in activities at the church (contact Amanda (WPC))

3) Window Wanderland

- Late November (pre Christmas) – themed around light / festival of light
- All members to light up windows
- Options for sponsorship of materials and to donate to charity based on the number of households that participate / design a window (based on approach taken at development in Yate)
- Use Window Wanderland free listing service and Wichelstowe website comms to host a map

4) Litter Picking

- June Litter Pick – Led by Hall and Woodhouse – An annual H&W founders day event. Caroline confirmed McCarthy and Stone would like to team up. Hannah to share details once confirmed to see if other parties would also like to join.
- August Litter Pick – Led by Wroughton Parish Council – Provide kit and invite residents. Wichelstowe DMT to support with some funding or waste disposal

OTHER ISSUES

- **Involving residents** – Leaflets to be handed out at events and residents invited to join the group
- **2026 Charity** – A joint charity could be selected for 2026 where joint and individual events could hopefully add up to a large combined Wichelstowe donation at the end of the year. Charity suggestions welcome, potential to ask residents to vote to select the final choice
- **Relationship with East Wichel and Wroughton** – The need to ensure events are where possible inclusive and the need to be conscious of building positive relationships between East, Middle and West Wichel as well as with Wroughton. Future events to have a particular focus on this such as the connection of the canal.

NEXT MEETING

Meetings to be held quarterly with the next meeting in early August hosted at Willowbrook View.

Attendees:	
Wroughton Parish Council (WPC)	John Hewer, Amanda Woodhead
Wilts & Berks Canal Trust	Chloe Ford
The Stowe	Owen Green, Ali Boulton
Wichelstowe Development Management Team	Dan Pavely,
Swindon Travel Choices	Claire Fleming
Kingfisher CE Primary School	Sharon Bishop
Trinity Learning Campus	Michelle Bishop
Willowbrook View	Chris Guest
Hall and Woodhouse	Hannah
SNG	Vic McFarlane
David Wilson Homes	Ysobella Dennis
Barratt Homes	Roxanne Lippiatt
Firstport	Tonya Simmons
JBP Communications	Sarah Glass, Rhys Mathias
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Kind Regards

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