

Community Development updates TC 25th May

Northstowe Day:

SCDC provided practical support before, during and after the successful Northstowe anniversary celebration day. SCDC arranged and paid for First Aid to attend and 13 SCDC volunteered to steward and manage the information points to ensure that the day went smoothly, as well as SCDC's Safer communities team hosting a stand to engage directly with the community on community safety matters. A further meeting with the safer communities team, Town Clerk, Mayor and Deputy Mayor has been proposed by SCDC's CDO for a debrief on community matters.

We estimate that around 700 people attended the event throughout the day.

The community Networkers meeting scheduled for 18th May will be an opportunity for the community groups to debrief and reflect. Our thanks to the community groups and the community coming together and successfully making it a great success.

Community work

SCDC's CDO as part of the Heritage Annexe working group has raised the idea of integrating the building within the community- with the community involved with the build works and local artwork using archaeological finds from Northstowe to create mosaics etc. CDO will be facilitating discussions with contractors and Northstowe Arts to progress with this. Dependant on build times, CDO aims to reach out to schools ref build works, however timescales may not work.

Lake naming competition lead by Homes England has received over 50 entries. District Cllrs and the County Cllr have agreed- Town Council invited to be part of judging panel. Invitation for a judge to be extended at the networkers meeting on 18th May- date of judging TBC.

The half marathon was a great success- lead and managed by a local resident. CDO supported with Homes England staff entering the race and engaging with the

community. Lots of non local people attended and gave positive feedback about Northstowe- in particular the lakes.

Welcome Packs/information

The previous welcome packs were lots of leaflets and pieces of paper- unlikely to be kept for information. We are now exploring other user friendly paper and digital format which is more likely to be kept and more up to date- signposting for new occupants. SCDC are in discussion/will be contacting with H/England, community managed website and Northstowe News on ensuring joint up approach. Further meeting schedule mid June with children's centre on personally welcoming new residents- and recommencement of a welcome door knock. SCDC in June's networkers meeting and Next Northstowe Community Forum will suggest "Street reps" to support this.