

Leek Town Council: Events Sub Committee Nov. 2020

Remembrance Sunday

The activity on RS was directed by the SMDC Safety Advisory Group and covered Leek, Biddulph and Cheadle. We had made the decision some weeks ago that there would be no parade, and plans for a church service were halted by the 'lockdown'.

It was agreed that the British Legion would go ahead with a wreath laying ceremony, but that it would be made clear that this was not a public event and that the public should be encouraged to observe the day at home. SMDC were tasked with the responsibility of putting out a press release to this effect.

Our role was to facilitate the collection of wreaths from local communities and groups, to be laid by The Mayor on their behalf. Roy Molson and I manned the office for two days prior to the day and I collected a further wreath.

Ben Benerfer ordered the banners for NWM, Ball Haye Green and Leekbrook and he and I put them up on the Wednesday.

On the day Roy, Ben Benerfer and I took the wreaths down to the NWM and, along with the BL, managed the war memorial area. Everyone who entered the space for the ceremony had their contact details taken, in line with covid regulations. These will be kept for the statutory 21 days.

In the afternoon The Mayor and Deputy Mayor attended the Ball Haye Green Memorial where a wreath was laid.

Xmas lights.

These are now in the process of being put up. Switch on towards the end of November. Small trees for the shops have been supplied and, where possible, lights installed. Once the 'lockdown' shops have reopened it should be possible to install the rest of the lights. There is usually a request for a voluntary contribution from individual shops but given the circumstances we do not intend to carry this through.

We will be meeting with Protech early in the New Year to review the condition of the lights and discuss areas for potential improvement. These will be costed and a report will go to full council in time for next year's budget setting.

Town Council Market Stalls.

We have had a number of informal enquiries from local groups regarding the use of these stalls in 2021. Following discussion with SMDC's Environmental Health Department we have written a risk assessment that covers their use. This is both for general use and Covid specific.

Matt Swindlehurst Nov 2020