

	FULL COUNCIL
Date	10 November 2025
Agenda Item	11

To consider events to be put on for the community in 2026

As the budget will be considered on 17 November, it is important when considering the activities which might be put on in 2026 to also look at the budget set aside – what has been spent in 2025, and what should be budgeted in 2026.

	2025 actual	2026 budgeted
Bands	4050 for 3 bands	4000
Christmas lights	16,995	17,000
torchlight	3090	5,800
Christmas parties	1000	500
Summer Fun	350	500
Civic receptions	1800	1600
Total	26915= > 10% of expenditure	
Coach outings expenditure	14730	11500
Coach outings income	17208	13875

Things to consider

- Why are we putting on these events?
- Are we providing for the different age groups in the town?
- What could we do for children?
- Are we helping those who are less fortunate financially?
- Are we helping those who may have disabilities?

- Could we work together on some events with other groups in the town?
- Are we getting value for money?

Staff have suggested:

A rock/jazz music festival

A sportsday/funfair with stalls for children in the public gardens – this could possibly be amalgamated with the Summer Fayre

Free events in 2025 organised by Halstead Town Council and Halstead Events, and the Friends of the Public gardens

Cuppa for Cancer	15 /03/ 2025	14.00 – 16.00	Queens Hall
Easter Egg Hunt	7-18/4/25	9.00 – 16.00	HTC offices
VE Day Beacon	8/5/25	21.30	Fire station
Over 60s outings (paid for)	5 Wednesdays May, June, July September, October		
Armed forces day (RBL)	28/6/25	10.00 – 16.00	Public Gardens
Band in the park Route 66	13/7/25	14.00 – 16.00	Public gardens
Summer Fun for children up to 11	9,16,23 and 30/8/25	14.00	Leisure centre
Summer Fayre (Halstead Events)	2/8/25	10.00- 16.00	Public gardens
Band in the park The Beavers	3/8/25	14.00 – 17.00	Public gardens
VJ day Rockabellas	17/8/25	14.00 – 16.00	Public gardens
Big screen in the park; Children's film Film for all ages	6/9/25	10.00 13.00 17.00	Public gardens

Women's Rugby world cup			
Guys in the Park	2/11/25	daytime	Public gardens
Christmas Fayre (Halstead Events)	22/11/25	10.00 – 16.00	High Street, Weavers Court
Christmas lights switch-on	22/11/25	16.00 at The Causeway 16.30 Public gardens	Public gardens
Torchlight procession	3/12/25	18.30- 20.00	High Street to public gardens

Recommendation : that HTC consider putting on a different range of events in 2026.

Sarah Greateorex

Sarah Greateorex Town Clerk