

**REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR FOR YOUTH, FAMILIES AND
CULTURE****CULTURAL SERVICES STRATEGIC EVENTS PROGRAMME 2013****Purpose of the Report**

1. To update Members on scheduled strategic events across the Libraries, Archives and Information Service, the Country Parks and Green Estate Service and the Arts and Sports Service.

Information and Advice

2. A range of affordable and accessible events are provided for residents and visitors to Nottinghamshire and are a key part of the Council's Cultural Strategy.
3. Events are a key way of Cultural services engaging with their customers and the wider community.
4. Key strategic events are listed in **Appendix 1** for 2013.
5. Many smaller events are delivered throughout the year and are advertised at individual sites, via the Council's web site and the regular 'What's on' publication produced by the County Council.

Other Options Considered

6. The report is for noting only.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

7. The report is for noting only.

Statutory and Policy Implications

8. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Implications for Service Users

9. The events programme aims to offer customers a range of opportunities to enjoy and learn from the range of Cultural services and assets provided by the Council.

Financial Implications

10. The programme is funded within the revenue budgets allocated, including a number of services' income targets.

Equalities Implications

11. Each programme considers equalities in the creation and delivery of the event. This includes timing, access, location, communications and pricing.

Implications for Sustainability and the Environment

12. All events aim to exploit existing resources and limit negative environmental impacts in line with County Council policy.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) That the scheduled strategic events across the Libraries, Archives and Information Service, the Country Parks and Green Estate Service and the Arts and Sports Service for 2013 be noted.

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Constitutional Comments

13. As this report is for noting only, no Constitutional comments are required.

Financial Comments (KLA 16/01/13)

14. There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

Background Papers

Cultural Strategy for Nottinghamshire - Nottinghamshire County Council, December 2011
A Strategy for Nottinghamshire's Libraries - Nottinghamshire County Council, December 2011
Archives Management and Development Plan - Nottinghamshire County Council, October 2012

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.

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APPENDIX 1

Rufford Abbey Country Park	Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre	Bestwood Country Park	Libraries, Archives and Learning	Arts and Sports
<p>February Half Term 2013</p> <p>Free Storytelling Sessions for Younger Children Tales about nature and animals for the under eights. Free. Normal car parking charge.</p> <p>(Nottinghamshire Half Term is 18 – 24 February)</p>	<p>February Half Term 2013</p> <p>Self Guided Trail: Birds, Beasts and Bugs of Sherwood</p>	<p>Monthly Health Walk</p> <p>“Seasons of Nature” series of ranger guided walks begins January.</p> <p>Monday Volunteer’s Group Hands on conservation work for volunteers.</p>	<p>16 – 23 February 2013: “Once Upon a Stage” Week</p> <p>Level 1 libraries present Children’s Theatre productions including Tall Tales, The Selfish Giant, The Selfish Crocodile, Brothers Grimm, Little Red Riding Hood and Jack and the Beanstalk.</p>	<p>January to June Rufford Craft Centre Programme of Public Creative Workshops Begins</p> <p>Creative Greenhouse Programme of Events Begins with Pete Mosley Making Your Creativity Pay See website for details and full listings. www.creativegreenhouse.org.uk</p> <p>Sunday 3 February 2013 Rufford Gallery Exhibition Preview 2-4pm Rufford Gallery Prize Tracey McMaster & David Severn continues Tuesday 4-Sunday 24 February</p> <p>12 February 2013 Nottinghamshire Sports Awards</p>

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				<p>12 February 2013 Step into Sport Training Camp: Training opportunity for disabled young leaders and those wanting to volunteer within disability sport. Pathway to National SiS Camp.</p> <p>14 February 2013 School Games – Winter Edition: over 100 young volunteers recruited trained and deployed to support this event.</p> <p>February Half Term 2013 Nottinghamshire Leadership Academy Follow-up Session with 2012 cohort of young leaders to track progress and offer additional training.</p> <p>20 February 2013 Discustascope Family Fun Family Drop in Art workshop at Rufford Craft Centre Gallery exhibitors Tracey McMaster & David Severn in the gallery to discuss their work.</p>

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<p>Easter 2013</p> <p>Easter Bunny Trail for Younger Children Self guided trail. Pick up a leaflet from Visitor Information, chocolate reward at the end. £1.50 per trail.</p> <p>(Nottinghamshire schools holidays are from Good Friday 29 March to 12 April)</p>	<p>Easter 2013</p> <p>Easter Trail Use Self guided trail. Pick up a leaflet from Visitor Information, chocolate reward at the end. £1.00 per trail.</p>	<p>Easter 2013</p> <p>30 March – 26 October 2013 Public opening of the Winding Engine House for 2013 season Free tours led by volunteers.</p> <p>Band / singers in the Dynamo House Free entry. Teas served in the Dynamo House every Saturday.</p>	<p>February - May 2013: Jazz Steps Live in the Libraries Programme</p> <p>A continuing series of monthly live jazz events touring three Nottinghamshire Libraries: Mansfield, Worksop and Southwell. In collaboration with Jazzhouse.</p>	<p>2 & 3 March 2013 Student Rodeo Event at The National Water Sports Centre.</p> <p>Sunday 10 March 2013 Rufford Gallery Exhibition Preview 2-4pm Rufford Art Society continues Tuesday 12 March -Sunday 21 April</p> <p>22 March 2013 Trace Creativity in Care An event to bring together staff from older people's homes and artists to learn about how creative arts have been used in residential homes to inspire and enrich these environments.</p> <p>Special Schools and artists (February-May 2013) <i>Artists in residence in most special schools across Nottinghamshire, culminating in a celebration event at Rufford Craft Centre in May (date tbc)</i></p>

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				<p>March/April 2013 Family Learning Art workshops at Libraries around the County leading to a touring installation at the 3 new Libraries.</p> <p>March/April/May 2013 Enterprising Ashfield Training programme for creative businesses in partnership with Ashfield DC/Creative Greenhouse/Leo/STCC/Sutton Centre Community College/Barista utilising empty shops and culminating in May Craft and Community event.</p> <p>2-4 April 2013 Box Town Family Fun Drop in Art workshops at Rufford Craft Centre.</p> <p>4 April 2013 Nottingham Rowing Club Regatta at The National Water Sports Centre.</p>

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				<p>13 & 14 April 2013 British Canoe Union Sprint Regatta at The National Water Sports Centre.</p> <p>13 & 14 April 2013 Canoe Slalom Event at The National Water Sports Centre.</p>
<p>19 May 2013 Brass Band Sunday. Harworth Colliery Band.</p> <p>26 May 2013 Jaguar Enthusiasts Club Providing a swing band.</p>	<p>Mon 6 May 2013 May Day Bank Holiday Medieval May Fair Take a step back into medieval Sherwood with fun activities for families, stalls and costumed characters. Free entry. Normal weekend car park charge.</p>	<p>Monthly Health Walk By a health walk leader within the park ranger service.</p> <p>Monthly “Seasons of Nature” walks Led by a park ranger.</p>	<p>New West Bridgford Library Programme: A vibrant programme of events and exhibitions for the newly reopened West Bridgford Library.</p>	<p>4-6 May 2013 British Universities & Colleges Sports (BUCS) Regatta at The National Water Sports Centre.</p> <p>Sunday 5 May 2013 Rufford Gallery Exhibition Preview 2-4pm Open Studios Notts Bringing Artists into View continues until Sunday 9 June.</p> <p>6 May 2013 onwards Get Into Golf Programme Various programmes of coaching suitable for beginner and intermediate golfers to gain quality & affordable coaching at clubs around the County.</p>

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				<p>11 & 12 May 2013 British Canoe Union Sprint Regatta at The National Water Sports Centre.</p> <p>11 & 12 May 2013 Canoe Slalom Event at The National Water Sports Centre.</p>
<p>27 & 28 May 2013 Historical Bazaar A historical re-enactment fair – bring, buy or swap costumes, collectables and real or replica equipment. Free entry. Normal car parking charge.</p>				<p>15 – 19 May 2013 Entertaining Angels Local theatre company – New Perspectives tour to village and community halls across the County as part of Village Ventures</p> <p>18 May 2013 Nottingham City Rowing Regatta at The National Water Sports Centre.</p> <p>19 May 2013 British Master Rowing Championships at The National Water Sports Centre.</p>

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				<p>18/19 May 2013 Thoresby Festival of Cycling including pennies in the park at Thoresby Park.</p> <p>23 – 26 May 2013 National Schools Rowing Regatta at The National Water Sports Centre.</p> <p>27 – 29 May 2013 Map Montage Masterpieces Family Fun Drop in Arts workshop at Rufford Craft Centre.</p> <p>31 May – 2 June 2013 Nottingham Triathlon at The National Water Sports Centre.</p>
<p>8 & 9 June 2013 New Writers UK Celebrating new and aspiring Nottinghamshire writers.</p> <p>June Weekend Brass Band Concert Kirkby Colliery Welfare Band</p>	<p>Nature Walks: A series of guided walks led by park rangers, through the summer period focussing on the special insects, trees, birds, and fungi of Sherwood Forest Natural Nature Reserve e.g. Glow Worms, Nightjars etc. £5 adults, £3 children.</p>	<p>Monthly Health Walk</p> <p>Monthly “Seasons of Nature” walks</p>	<p>18-24 May 2013: Adult Learners' Week: Adult and Community Learning Service is holding celebration events in Worksop, Sutton-in-Ashfield and Newark (dates TBC).</p>	<p>Friday 21 June 2013 Rufford Gallery Exhibition Peter Beard celebrates 40 years of making ceramics, opens with Earth & Fire Ceramic Festival continues until Sunday 21 July.</p>

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				<p>2 June 2013 Outlaw Half Triathlon at The National Water Sports Centre.</p> <p>21-23 June 2013 Cycle Live including The Great Nottinghamshire Bike Ride.</p>
	<p>Monthly Nature Walk A series of guided walks led by park rangers, through the summer period focussing on the special insects, trees, birds, and fungi of Sherwood Forest Natural Nature Reserve e.g. Glow Worms, Nightjars etc. £5 adults, £3 children.</p> <p>Mini Beast Hunt Join a ranger and learn more about the tiny world of invertebrates – that’s bugs and beetles to you and me! Free event.</p>	<p>Monthly Health Walk</p> <p>Monthly “Seasons of Nature” walks</p>	<p>April – Sept 2013 Nottinghamshire People Programme. Including: Jun-Sept: Ancestral Stories from the Archives exhibition at Weston Gallery, University of Nottingham.</p> <p>19 May: The Great Nottinghamshire Local History Fair at Mansfield Central Library.</p> <p>Jun-Sep: Events at Worksop Library.</p>	<p>Fri 21 – Sunday 23 June 2013 Earth & Fire Ceramics Festival at Rufford Abbey A major showcase for local, national and international ceramics. Free admission. Special event parking charge £5 applies every day including Friday.</p> <p>22 & 23 June 2013 British Canoe Union Sprint Regatta at The National Water Sports Centre.</p>

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<p>6 July 2013 Looked After Children's Achievement Event Organised by Children, Families & Culture Department, showcasing and celebrating the achievements of Looked After Children.</p> <p>July weekend Brass Band Concert MadMogs Morris Minor Club have their meeting on 21 July. Bestwood Black Diamonds to perform Free event. Normal weekend car park charge.</p>	<p>Monthly Nature Walk</p> <p>Mini Beast Hunt Join a ranger and learn more about the tiny world of invertebrates – that's bugs and beetles to you and me! Free event.</p>	<p>July Goddess Camp Celebrating the earth and our connection to it. Tree walks, Reiki, crafts etc. Organised by local group. Charge for event. Camping on site.</p>	<p>July 2013: Southwell Library Poetry Festival</p>	<p>Rufford Craft Centre July to December Programme of Public Creative Workshops Begins</p> <p>5 July 2013 School Games – Summer Edition: over 100 young volunteers recruited trained and deployed to support this event.</p> <p>6 July 2013 Blue Seventy Big Swim at The National Water Sports Centre.</p> <p>6 & 7 July 2013 Outlaw Triathlon at The National Water Sports Centre.</p> <p>7 July 2013 Outlaw Iron Distance Triathlon at The National Water Sports Centre.</p> <p>10 – 17 July 2013 GB Junior Rowing Trials at The National Water Sports Centre.</p>

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<p>13 & 14 July 2013 Nottinghamshire Performing Arts Showcasing the talents of Nottinghamshire young people in dance, drama and performance.</p> <p>July weekend Brass Band Concert Free event. Normal event charge.</p>	<p>Nature Walks A series of guided walks led by park rangers, through the summer period focussing on the special insects, trees, birds, and fungi of Sherwood Forest Natural Nature Reserve e.g. Glow Worms, Nightjars etc. £5 adults, £3 children.</p>	<p>Monthly Health Walk</p> <p>Monthly “Seasons of Nature” walks</p>	<p>July 2013: Summer Reading Challenge</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 July: SRC Launch with author Guy Bass at Mansfield Library (invited school audience) 4 July: SRC Launch with author Guy Bass at West Bridgford Library (invited school audience). 	<p>20 & 21 July 2013 British Rowing Junior Championships at The National Water Sports Centre.</p> <p>26 & 27 July 2013 Home Countries Rowing International at The National Water Sports Centre.</p>
Nottinghamshire schools summer holidays are Wed 24 July – Wed 4 Sept 2013				
<p>Monday 5 August 2013 “The Dragon’s Daughter” outdoor theatre performance by Blunderbuss Theatre Company of Newark.</p> <p>£5 per person. Profits to be split with the park.</p>	<p>Mon 5 – Sun 11 August The 29th Annual Robin Hood Festival Outdoor event. England’s largest celebration of the world famous outlaw. Free admission to event. Special event car parking charge £5.</p>	<p>Monthly Health Walk</p> <p>Monthly “Seasons of Nature” walks Free event.</p>		<p>Summer Holidays (first week provisional) Nottinghamshire Leadership Academy 2013: 2 day training camp for the most talented and promising young coaches/leaders and volunteers from across the County. Includes Platinum Young Ambassador training.</p>

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<p>31 August & 1 September 2013 1940s Weekend “On the Home Front” Large scale historical re-enactment celebrating Britain’s “Finest Hour”. Free entry. Special event parking charge £5 applies.</p>	<p>August Medieval Fun Costumed characters and entertainers continue the Robin Hood theme through the school holiday period. Free entry to event. Small charge for have a go archery. Normal weekend car parking charge</p>	<p>August Brass band concert. Free admission. Free parking. Community photography exhibition in the Dynamo House. Children and family activities in the Dynamo House (weekdays).</p>		<p>Summer Holiday (date tbc) Book Launch in conjunction with local publisher Five Leaves. A new illustrated edition of <i>The Secret World of Polly Flint</i> by local author Helen Creswell and activity linked to family resource pack including illustrated trail sheet around Rufford inspired by the book.</p> <p>3 August 2013 Fourlife Tri Club Children and Youth Open Water Triathlon at The National Water Sports Centre.</p> <p>Sunday 4 August 2013 Rufford Gallery Exhibition Preview 2-4pm David Measures major exhibition of celebrated local artist’s work continues until Sunday 8 September.</p> <p>August 2013 The Whale at Rufford Country Park – Family fun event highlighting forthcoming Village Ventures programme.</p>

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				31 August – 1 September 2013 F2 Power Boat Championships at The National Water Sports Centre.
				7 & 8 September 2013 British Canoe Union Sprint Regatta at The National Water Sports Centre. 14 September 2013 Youth Freestyle Event at The National Water Sports Centre. Thurs 19 Sept 2013 Start of new Village Ventures programme, featuring dance, theatre, music and children's shows across the County. 21 & 22 September 2013 Dragon Boat National Cup Finals at The National Water Sports Centre.

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				<p>21 & 22 September 2013 Youth Freestyle Event at The National Water Sports Centre.</p> <p>28 & 29 September 2013 Canoe Slalom Event at The National Water Sports Centre.</p>
<p>Falconry Display and Falconry “Taster” Days To be finalised after talks with local falconry centre. Probably a free public display and paid day experience.</p> <p>Local Charity Awareness Day In the summer marquee. A chance for local charities to promote themselves to local people, to raise funds and to encourage volunteering.</p>	<p>Mini Beast Hunt Join a ranger and learn more about the tiny world of invertebrates – that’s bugs and beetles to you and me! Free event.</p> <p>Sherwood Through The Ages Large scale event. A historical re-enactment event illustrating the long history of Sherwood Forest. Free entry. Normal car park charge.</p>		<p>A continuing programme of events and exhibitions at Worksop and Mansfield Library</p>	<p>Sunday 21 September Rufford Gallery Exhibition Preview 2-4pm Work by artists who are disabled working with local company Salamander Tandem continues until 13 October.</p> <p>September/October 2013 Gold Young Ambassador Training: 1 day training session for inspirational young leaders to become Ambassadors for Sport. Session to be led by young leader from Nottinghamshire Leadership Academy 2013.</p>

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The Housekeeper's Tale & The Monk's Tale Costumed characters from Rufford's past lead a series of special tours of the Abbey remains. Free to public.				
October Half Term week Spooky Halloween Trail Self guided trail. Follow the clues to spot spooky characters hidden in the park. Chocolate reward at the end. (Nottinghamshire schools half term – Mon 21 – Sunday 27 October).	Seed Hunt Sunday Collecting acorns to take away and grow in to mini oaks. To link to national campaign. Guided walk £1 per person. Normal car park charge. October Half Term week Spooky Halloween Trail Self guided trail. Follow the clues to spot spooky characters hidden in the park. Chocolate reward at the end. £1.50 per trail. Halloween Experience Large scale event. Follow a guide into the dark wood to encounter creepy creatures. £5 per person. Free evening parking.	Final public opening of the Winding Engine House for the 2013 season Sunday 26 October To be confirmed – subject to finding a suitable operator Mini Steam Fair Enthusiasts showcase miniature engineering. Steam organ and community stalls in the Dynamo House. Free event. Free parking. Notts Schools' Half Term The Big Draw Linking to Notts Arts Service and national promotion of drawing. Free family workshops and activities around drawing. Main organisation by NCC Arts Service. Free entry.	Youth Heritage Conference October 2013: Booker Prize Events	October 2013 Big Draw International Framework for Drawing events across the County and at Rufford Craft Centre. Details will appear nearer the time. 19 & 20 October 2013 British Rowing Senior Championships at The National Water Sports Centre.

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	Ghost Walk For adult visitors, led by local paranormal group.			
Weekends only from 11 November to 22 December 2013 11am to 6pm Christmas Lights In the Coach House Courtyard. Entry £2 adults, £1 children. Santa's Grotto £5 per child including gift. Last entry to grotto 4pm.	Tree Dressing Celebrations Christmas characters and activities to celebrate trees and all that they give us. Free event. Normal car park charge. Each December weekend up to (and including) 22 December Santa's Grotto £5 per child including gift Last entry 4pm.	Winter Nature Walks Led by a park ranger. Hedge Laying Course £25 per person, and concessions for regular volunteers. Learning the ancient rural craft of hedge laying. Materials supplied.	LAI Publication Launches Summer Reading Challenge celebration event November 2013: Readers' Day	2 & 3 November 2013 Canoe Slalom Event at The National Water Sports Centre. Sunday 17 November 2013 Rufford Gallery Preview 2-4pm Creative Greenhouse Christmas Art & Crafts Selling Show continues to 29 December.
Park facilities open every day through the Festive period except Christmas day.	Park facilities open every day through the Festive period except Christmas day.	Park facilities open every day through the Festive period except Christmas day. Thursday 26 December 2013 Boxing Day Walk Wednesday 1 January 2014 New Year's Day Walk		