Mousehold Heath Family Funday

Update

With reference to the Mousehold Heath Defenders request for a Family Fund Day on Mousehold Heath on Sunday 26 July 2009 we have been advised that it is preferred that the event be a joint event between the Defenders and the Conservators. This we are happy to do and welcome the Conservators involvement.

However the original approach was for permission for the Defenders to have a Funday on Mousehold Heath as had been arranged in the past. Some preliminary work has been done and this is now made available to the Funday Committee and the Conservators in the form of this update.

It has also been requested that this be a Community event and so , working with Councillor Brociek- Coulton we have had a meeting to lay some basic guidelines. Various community groups have been and will be approached to enlist their involvement.

Members of the public have been approached to get their reaction and the response has been extremely favourable. Everyone seems to be excited at the idea. . We already have offers of stalls and demonstrations , including line dancing, salsa and street dancing and an agility demonstration for the dogs. . A tannoy system has been offered, as well as an approach to an MC for the day.

We have had several offers of involvement and as requested the majority of the Committee will be non Defenders. Recruitment is ongoing. Andy Williams Broadland Countryside Officer has offered his services and equipment. On Wednesday we met some members of the Green Gym on Mousehold Heath and they have expressed an interest in a stall on the day.

We also understand that Green Spaces on behalf of the Council will be involved and would appreciate knowing who has been volunteered asap.

Will Nigel Hales and Will Stewart be involved?Especially on the committee. Are any of the other Conservators willing to be involved either in the planning or on the day?.

In addition some clarification of funds is required. Obviously we need to apply for grants and these have already been researched with Awards for All being mooted as the best option. A Budget needs to be sorted out for this asap.

Is the request for the grant going to be in the name of the Mousehold Heath Defenders or does a Funday group need to be set up to apply for the grant.

In view of the councils wish to be involved can we expect any financial aid ? Bearing in mind that this is a joint project are we covered by Council/Conservators insurance?

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