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## GODALMING TOWN COUNCIL AGREES TO GROW SUCCESSFUL TOWN EVENTS' PROGRAMME IN 2021

At a recent meeting of Godalming Town Council's Policy & Management Committee, Town Councillors acknowledged the importance of events within the community and re-affirmed the Council's commitment to supporting their delivery, both directly and indirectly. Councillors expressed the view that this commitment is especially important in the current climate, where 2020 saw so many events cancelled. Councillors felt that GTC's long experience in the delivery of community events places it at the vanguard of community recovery and the promotion of place and wellbeing for the residents of Godalming and Farncombe.

Over the last 10 years Godalming Town Council has delivered many successful town events, including annual events such as the Spring Festival, Staycation, the Remembrance Sunday Parade and the Godalming and Farncombe's Christmas Lights Switch-on events. The Council is also experienced in supporting other groups who organise community events, including; Sport Godalming's Godalming Run, the Round Table's Town Show & Carnival and the Godalming & District Chamber of Commerce's Food Festival and national celebrations such as the Queen's Jubilee and Olympic Torch relay events.

Building upon the already busy schedule of town events, Members agreed that the Council should take the lead in introducing several new events in 2021. Alongside old favourites the Council will explore a number of new events including fringe and environmental awareness events and will also engage with other community organisations and partners to bring forward a plan for the town to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June 2022.

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