

## Permission for 'Hopstock' to use Hopwas Playing Field

### Introduction

A University student previously from the Parish is aiming to plan a Wellbeing Festival for 2022 for all the family in Hopwas called 'Hopstock' as part of her studies.

The event would be a small boutique festival / fair which is low key and combines yoga, mindfulness seminars as well as acoustic bands and artists, vegan food stalls, local produce stalls, holistic therapies and much more.

The aim would be to keep traffic to a minimum and allow guests to 'book a 'TUK'' to and from the event direct to their door and promote the use of public transport to eliminate any disruption to residents where parking is concerned.

### Benefits

- Increased Community Engagement with the Parish Council to raise profile and encourage more collaborative events
- Opportunity for Community to come together after the Pandemic
- May improve health and wellbeing of residents
- May provide support for local businesses and voluntary groups (The Red Lion have expressed interest)
- Increase usage and awareness of play area within the Parish

### Risks

- It still may not be possible to have large social gatherings in 2022
- There may not be enough space for the size of event requested
- Noise concerns for residents - hours of operation to be considered
- Parking Issues – If 'Tuk' transport and public transport options are not utilised
- Damage to grass - any vehicular access for setup/takedown? Wet weather provision?
- Is a stage envisaged? this takes up a lot of the available space and requires heavy vehicle access.
- Is this a free event or is there an entrance charge - if the latter there may be further things to consider

### Summary

Any permission granted at this stage is in principle only and would be subject to the Council receiving and approving a detailed event plan, comprehensive site risk assessment showing how the event host will mitigate any risk of damage to the Playing Field or injury to the Public and details/proof of the event insurance policies.

Permission granted does not mean that subsequent events will be allowed.