

**CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL  
COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES**

<b>COMMITTEE:</b>	<b>Community</b>		
<b>MEETING DATE AND TIME</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup> January 2025 7.00 pm</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>Congleton Town Hall</b>
<b>REPORT FROM</b>	<b>Cathy Dean, Communities and Admin Officer</b>		
<b>AGENDA ITEM REPORT TITLE</b>	<b>12 VE Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations</b>		
<b>Background</b>	<p><b>VE Day 80 – 8th May 2025 – A Shared Moment of Celebration</b></p> <p>Building on the success of D-Day 80 on 6th June 2024, which commemorated the 80th Anniversary of the D-Day landings with over 1,000 beacons and 500 lamps lit across the UK, Channel Islands, Isle of Man, and UK overseas territories, the national campaign now focuses on celebrating the 80th Anniversary of VE Day on 8th May 1945, marking the end of WWII in Europe. (see <a href="https://www.veday80.org.uk/">https://www.veday80.org.uk/</a> for more information.)</p> <p>This paper is to inform members of Congleton Town Council Plans to date.</p>		
	<p>The initial plans following suggestions from the national campaign include:</p> <p><b>9 am</b> - raising of the VE Day flag at the Cenotaph.</p> <p><b>11 am</b> - Service at the Cenotaph with the *British Legion, Town Crier and dignitaries.</p> <p><b>12-2pm</b> – Fish and Chip dinner at Congleton Town Hall, we will be inviting members of our community from our local care homes, isolated members of our community, local groups etc. Working with Congleton Partnership’s senior forum. Plans for entertainment 1940’s singer or swing band, decoration of the main hall. CTC officers will support Marks events during the lunch.</p> <p>Baking a WI Celebration Cake.</p> <p><b>6:30 pm</b> - Ringing of church bells at St Peter's Church</p> <p><b>9 pm</b> - Lighting a Lamp Light of Peace/light up the Town Hall.</p> <p>Congleton Park In Bloom Floral Display</p> <p>*We would like to work closely with the Congleton Branch of the Royal British Legion, they are meeting in February to discuss plans.</p> <p>Congleton Partnership has agreed to match fund the event up to £1000, research is ongoing into other grants that might be applied for.</p>		

	<p>Congleton Museum will be approached for a display of wartime memorabilia.</p> <p>Local craft groups will be approached to see if we can get displays around the town.</p>
<b>Financial Implications</b>	<p>Final costs are to be confirmed. Congleton Partnership will match funds up to £1000. Further grant funding is to be applied for.</p>
<b>Environmental Implications</b>	<p>The team will follow event guidance to reduce the environmental impact of activities and events.</p>
<b>Equality and Diversity Impact</b>	<p>Full consideration is being given to making the event as accessible as possible to all members of our society and considering how their needs can be met at this event.</p>
<b>PROPOSAL</b>	<p>To approve the proposal for VE Day celebrations.</p>