

Corsenside Parish Show

Report to Parish Council Meeting; 2020/21

In early May 2020 the Parish Show Committee agreed that the show would be cancelled for that year due to the Coronavirus Pandemic. Whilst disappointing, this proved to be the correct and unavoidable decision. Along with cancellation of the show, all planned fundraising activities for the year were also cancelled.

In 2021, as restrictions began to be eased, the committee carried out some limited and unscientific community research in Spring to garner opinion on holding a show in September 2021. Whilst limited in numbers, the feedback received was overwhelmingly positive and at it's meeting on 18th May the Committee agreed to proceed with planning this year's show, whilst keeping an eye on any further restrictions being imposed.

Planning progressed without any further restrictions and despite challenges posed by last-minute cancellation of the climbing wall and marquees, necessitating searches for replacements with just days to go, we were able to go ahead with the show. The replacement tents and bouncy slide proved popular and attendance was very good. It is possible in future we may book the bouncy slide and the climbing wall, provided space on the green allows.

Entries in the fruit and vegetable sections were significantly down this year, likely to be due to the later than usual decision to go ahead with the show, however entries in the baking, handicrafts, children's and flower classes were plentiful and resulted in a successful sale of produce at the end of the day, raising over £450 towards show costs. The show day raffle raised over £330. Regular fundraising will resume with the Christmas 2021 raffle and a programme of activities for 2022 will be agreed in due course. The Parish Show AGM will be held in March 2022 and show day is Saturday 17th September 2022.

The Committee has received some lovely positive feedback following this year's show with lots of people commenting how good it was to have their community event back once again. Thankfully show day itself was mostly fine and once again the Committee would like to thank all those who turned out in the drizzle to help with set-up and take-down – we couldn't do it without all of the willing helpers. Finally, thanks go to the Parish Council for granting permission to hold the show on the village green, allowing space for the ever-increasing range of activities and providing access for the whole community.

Danny Findler
Chairman, Corsenside Parish Show

Other Committee Members:

Maureen Johnson, Secretary
Caroline Currie, Treasurer
Paul Johnson
Amy Brachtvogel
Helen Patterson