

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL
COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

COMMITTEE:	Community Committee		
MEETING DATE AND TIME	18th June 2026 7 pm	LOCATION	Congleton Town Hall
REPORT FROM	Cathy Dean, Communities Manager		
AGENDA ITEM REPORT TITLE	8 Star Wars Celebration Day 2027		
BACKGROUND	<p>Star Wars Day / "May the Fourth" event is a recognised international fan celebration. It appeals to families, collectors, sci-fi fans, cosplay groups, film enthusiasts and younger audiences through newer Disney+ series such as <i>The Mandalorian</i>. The event has the potential to be highly visual, making it ideal for social media promotion and town-centre activity.</p> <p>Benjamin Borg-Heffernan approached the Youth Council with the idea of holding a Star Wars Day/Event around May the 4th in 2027.</p> <p>Benjamin will attend the Community committee and give a short presentation outlining his ideas.</p>		
Further Considerations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Event Permission - Permission to hold an event would need to be obtained from Cheshire East Council. 2. Road Closures - Any road closures would need to be factored into the costs, which would be upward of £1000. A temporary rolling road closure for a parade would still need qualified staff. 3. Public Liability insurance would be required for the event. 		
FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS	There is no budget from the Town Council for this event. The event team may need support in exploring income generation through grants and sponsorship.		
EQUALITY CONSIDERATIONS	Recommend that the event organisers contact the Equal Access group to make the event as inclusive as possible.		
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS	Organisers will need to minimise waste, mileage and plastic use.		
Decision	To agree to support, in principle, a Star Wars Celebration Day to be held in the Town Centre. Officers would need to support the event team with the necessary permissions, risk assessments and event insurance.		