

Email of 5 September 2020 from Iain McBain to Gordon Brown

Dear Gordon

Normally the fireworks for the annual village bonfire have to be ordered at the beginning of July, as a result of the Covid 19 pandemic our firework supplier had allowed organisers a little extra time to place their orders but the order needs to be placed by the end of August to ensure that they can order on their suppliers and guarantee a delivery in time for November. The advice from the supplier is that they believe smaller displays will be allowed to go ahead this year although they believe it is unlikely that large events will be possible. At this point in time obviously no one of knows what will or will not be allowed in November with regard to outdoor events or what the requirements would be that needed to be adhered to.

After reviewing possible options for the event, the firework team have concluded that, even if as advised small events are allowed to go ahead and we were able to meet whatever COVID 19 requirements that were in place, we could not hold the village event safely. One of our major concerns would be if only the smaller events were allowed then the likelihood would be that increased numbers of people would attend the smaller events. This would be something we would have no control over and because of the location and walling of the recreation ground we would be unable to prevent additional people gaining access once a safe number of attendees had been reached.

As a result I have to advise that we will not be holding the annual Bonfire and Firework display this year. Hopefully next year things will be different and we will be able to go ahead with the village event in the normal way.

Thank you for your understanding.

Regards

Iain McBain on behalf of the Bonfire and Firework team.