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Come Together and celebrate!

Friday 17 September: Come Together is a celebration to mark our ability to gather together again after 18 months of lockdowns and other social restrictions.

Director of Seed, Scott O'Hara says "We are very excited to be able to create an opportunity for Highbridge and Burnham to join together, listen to some great music, have a picnic, sing and even dance together once again."

The joyful noise of street band **Tongues of Fire** is perfect for celebrating that sense of togetherness. They combine New Orleans street-band music, English folk, circus music, original material and popular songs, to create a rich, wild and unique sound, both very English and international.

Residents and visitors alike are invited to join in afternoon of great songs and festival vibes on Sunday 26 September from 1pm. Follow the band on a short procession from the car park at Apex Park. Don't forget to bring a picnic and your dancing shoes! Once in Apex Park, *Tongues of Fire* will perform many well-known classics including the popular Beatles tunes *Come Together* and *Just a Little Help From my Friends*, as well as *Lean on Me*, *Lovely Day*, *Happy*, *Bring Me Sunshine* and *What a Wonderful World*. Words will be provided so everyone can let their hair down and join in!

Together with *Create You*, Seed have created free festival headband kits for you to get creative before the big day. These can be collected from *Create You*, *Crafty Comforts*, *Material Needs* or the *Toy Cupboard* from Saturday 11 September.

A competition for the best headbands will judged on the day by members of *Tongues of Fire* and members of *Burnham-on-Sea and Highbridge Town Council* who will select their favourite headbands to win a voucher from *Create You*. Even those who cannot attend on the day are invited to submit photos of their own creations on social media by posting on Seed's Facebook, Instagram or Twitter using the tag *@seedsedgemoor* by 1pm on Sunday 26 September.

This event has been made possible with funding for Arts Council England, The National Lottery and Burnham-on-Sea and Highbridge Town Council.

For more information on this event, visit www.seedsedgemoor.com/cometogether or email info@seedsedgemoor.com/cometogether or email

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Seed is a Consortium of local organisations comprising:

Homes in Sedgemoor, Community Council for Somerset, Bridgwater Senior Citizens Forum, Somerset Film; Young Somerset and Bridgwater Town Council.

We believe that arts, culture and creativity are not elite activities, but should be an ordinary part of everyday life, created by, with and for the people. This can be achieved in partnerships with artists in all forms of the creative arts, working in response to the collective imagination and reflecting the things that are important to the communities of Sedgemoor. We seek to make creative arts, culture and heritage part of everyday life in Sedgemoor by growing new opportunities for its people to participate, create and celebrate.

Seed is part of Arts Council England's **Creative People and Places** programme **(CPP)**. Creative People and Places is about more people taking the lead in choosing, creating and taking part in arts and culture experiences in the places where they live. There are 33 projects, each located in a place where people are least likely to engage with arts and culture. We've committed £108 million to the programme so far, covering 33 Projects, 33 Places, 30 consortia and 45 local authorities. Since 2013, there have been 4.5 million engagements with the CPP programme and 86% of people who participate in weren't previously engaging regularly with arts and culture.

www.creativepeopleplaces.org.uk www.artscouncil.org.uk/creative-people-and-places/creative-people-and-places-projects

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