

# Party in the Park



The 4<sup>th</sup> Party in the Park, a joint venture between Allesley Green Residents' Association and St Andrew's Church Eastern Green took place on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2017. The event was enabled through funding from various charities who supported our aim to build community spirit, ensuring children, young people and adults mix in a relaxed social setting where everyone could enjoy themselves.

The charities that enabled this event were;

- West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner – Active Citizen Fund
- Heart of England Community Foundation
- Coventry General Charities

In addition, donations were received from local businesses to provide prizes for a raffle to also help fund the event. Our thanks to;

Windmill Village Hotel, West Midlands Golf, Le Loren Hair & Beauty, Ron Barker Butcher, Wasps Rugby and Berryfields Farm Shop.

We provided activities and entertainment for every age group and believe that the day was a success. In addition to local residents the event was attended by Andy Street who has since been elected as the West Midlands Mayor.

Live Entertainment was provided by Coventry Festival Band, Soulful Gospel Choir, En Pointe Dance Group, Speak Brother and a Ukulele Band.

Fun for all the Family was provided with Bouncy Castles, Fairground Rides, Donkey Rides, Thai Food, Hot Drinks, Stalls & Games, Burgers, Hot Dogs and Local Interest Groups. Our local police and fire service attended and allowed their vehicles to be inspected.

The group we must thank the most are the 40 volunteers who helped set everything up on the day, manned stalls and events and helped take everything down at the end of the day. Without your help this event would not take place.

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We work closely with local police to minimise crime in the area; to build relationships in an area where many do not even know their immediate neighbours. We anticipate that the strengthening of the community in this way will make residents of Eastern Green, Allesley, Bannerbrook, Mount Nod and Tile Hill, safer and more secure places to live.

Feedback from residents suggests that the event was indeed a success.