

Grange Farm Family Fun Day Press Release

The Grange Farm Resident Steering Group brought the whole community together on Saturday 16th July with the “free” Family Fun Day. The Steering Group spent the last 3 weeks planning the event in South Harrow, which turned out to be a huge success with over 250 people from all walks of life attending throughout the day.

The Fun Day had trampolines, a bouncy castle, face painting, henna designs, fun fair games and much more.



Harrow Radio provided the sounds on the gloriously hot day and live performances came from the “Harrovians”. As the band kicked off, residents came forward and expressed the joy they had during the day and offered to help with organising the next years Family Fun Day.





Councillor Glen Hearnden, Portfolio Holder for Housing helped produce the big banners for the event and said, “the Steering Group’s hard work and determination definitely paid off, and their goal of bringing this community together is being realised”. He was joined by other local councillors.



Local MP Gareth Thomas was one of the first arrivals at the event and came to offer his support and wish everyone well.



Everyone gathered around Councillor Rekha Shah, the Mayor of Harrow who made a speech and told the crowd that she “hopes this event happens every year from now on”. She met some of the residents and joined in on the fun by getting her own henna hand design.



As the music played, faces were being painted, bikes were being fixed by “Dr Bike”, football challenges (courtesy of Watford FC and Cedars) were taking place and the fun didn't stop. Mr Smoothie proved to be very popular, as people of all ages queued to jump on the bike and pedal for their smoothie. The London Fire Brigade was also kind enough to drop by and let the youngsters explore the fire engine.



Ken Woods, Chair of the Steering Group said he was “really proud of the community for putting on the event and how they came together to raise the funding for it”. He was keen to thank HFTRA for their continuous support.

The “Xcite” team were also on site to support residents looking for employment and training opportunities.



Akshaya, a young student who has lived on the estate all her life said that “It’s the first time I’ve seen the community being brought together and what a great way to do it’.

Bill Beardon, Vice Chair of the Steering Group said he was “proud of what we pulled off and will treasure this day for the rest of my life”.

Lucy Baker volunteered her time to take photographs on the day and said she was “glad to be part of the event and to see so many smiling faces”.

Together with the sunshine, the event was fortunate enough to have Councillor Sachin Shah, Leader of the Council in attendance and he generously praised the local community for putting on the event and said he “felt proud to be part of such a diverse borough”.





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