

## **Report on Odd Down Community Fun Day 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2023 at Odd Down Sports Ground.**

This Fun Day was organised by Better.GLL staff based at the Sports Ground and Odd Down Community Association (charity no. 1139206 ) This was the first time such an event was held on the Sports Ground to raise funds for mostly local charities. Better.GLL offered to allow the facilities to be used free of charge and with ODCA organised this Fun Day, with support from local Volunteers and the staff from nearby recently built Midford Lodge Care Home. The event was free and was opened at midday by the Mayor of Bath, Councillor Dine Romero, and ended at 4pm. It proved more popular than the organising team expected but all were made welcome, and it is estimated 1,500 people approximately, mostly families, attended on a windy but dry day. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive and includes from all involved a request to make such an event an annual one for the people of Odd Down in future.

The Cycle Track and 3G Football Sports Ground facilities had various free sessions during the day supported by local cycling clubs and Better.GLL staff. Other Sports & activities (Roman Boxing Club, 'Beat the Goalie', Keep Fit, Walking Football) gave demonstrations and led sessions. There was a busy open picnic area for all, with the Pavilion Café, Pizza van and Ice Cream van nearby. Avon & Somerset Police attended with 2 of their vans and gave demonstrations, as did the Fire Brigade with their tender, and both gave encouraging reports on the public response. Around the picnic area which families used the stalls had been arranged.

The charity stalls included 'Voices', Guide Dogs for the Blind, Thursday Toddlers Group, and ODCA. Other participants were Bath Astronomers Society, Midford Lodge Care Home, SOBA Alliance, Sweet Stall, Harmony Beauty Saloon, Slimming World and Cherry Blossom Hair Studios. ODCA organised a raffle (including prizes from local businesses and Better.GLL), Tombola, 'Name the Teddy', Sweets in a Jar, and Face Painting. There were several craft stalls offering a range of items, some to be made and some ready for sale, Golf sales, Single Hill Flowers and Bath More Trees. Wessex Water had an information stall and made a donation. There was a range of music. Rogers Fun Fair joined the event and had several attractions, inflatable and rides for younger children which proved popular and for which there was a charge. They gave a percentage of their takings to the charities.

The Fun Day raised £1,285 for charity on the day. Also some individual charities who attended raised funds for themselves.

We are very grateful to Curo Housing Association for making a grant of £500 to support this event. The Mayor, Dine Romero was also able to acknowledge this contribution as part of the opening. Such a grant encouraged the organising team to plan such an event as this for the first time.

## **Organising Team Follow up meeting 11 July & ODCA 12 July: Feedback**

### **What went well**

- 1 -2k people attended: estimated 1,500 to be used
- Good mix of stalls
- Vendor stalls went well : pizza/ ice cream
- Site Management
- Safeguarding – special arrangements
- Boxing – brought own ring
- Beat the goalie (Midford)
- What's app group for volunteers allowed coordination and emergency channel
- Rogers Fun fair – very impressive. Their display helped setting.
- Volunteers (Midford particularly)
- Litter pick post event – site was left tidy
- GLL team happy
- Mayors attendance and interest
- Astronomer/ rocket stand (Bath Astronomers)
- Traffic management (volunteers)
- Police pleased with visitors
- Picnic area in centre well used
- Publicity – possibly more.
- Money generated for charities

### **What could have been better**

- Accessibility cycling session – 5 injuries – not enough people manning area
- Windy – some of the gazebos were not up to it – look for better event tents & sponsorship? – advise people up front.
- Siting of HQ could be better – move to Changing Room? / Jenny
- Money management – more change – more volunteers – announcements from PA -re donations – signs on exit to encourage donations -use buckets more
- Need an MC for the event to advertise particular stalls and activities
- Better Sound system – did not penetrate site well enough
- Separate raffle area - age appropriate raffles? - pre printed raffle tickets – draw raffle earlier.
- More volunteers for the ODCA tent
- Charge more for the food vendors

### **What was missing?**

- Entry charge? Or better signage for donations on exit
- More money donation buckets and volunteers
- Informing helpers about helpers' refreshments
- More stalls – could have been bigger
- Improved application form -with additional info and payment deadline

### **Next steps**

- Press release on success and see you next year
- Thank yous to all that helped
- Next year 7<sup>th</sup> July 1pm -5pm      Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> Sept 4.15pm – invite Carol

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date	Name	bank	cash	total		
6 June	Single Hill Flowers (Alice Fouad)	10		10		
7	Mandy Stall (Amanda Bird)	10		10		
7	Wessex Water (Shinn Arali Shinn)	55		55		
8	Roman Boxing Gym	5		5		
12	Harmony Beauty (Rai M&R)	10		10		
19	Slimming Club (Emma Tozer)	5		5		
26	kandy krew (M&K Trueman)	10		10		
26	West Coast Pizza	40		40		
28	Ice Cream Van (Starr R M/TPM)	40		40		
28	P Hawes +7 Craft stalls	80		80		
2 July	Andrea Flower Stall (£10 kept for float)		(10)			
	<b>sub totals</b>	<b>265</b>		<b>265</b>	<b>265.00</b>	
2 July	Donations (Buckets)		87.52	87.52		
	'Beat the Goalie' Midford Lodge Care Home		198.40	198.40		
	Face Painting		56.50	56.50		
	Raffle		50.00	50.00		
	Rogers Fun Fair		430.00	430.00		
	Ice cream extra		40.00	40.00		
	<b>sub totals</b>		<b>862.42</b>	<b>862.42</b>	<b>862.42</b>	
6	Cherry Hair Studios		140.00	140.00		
11	Golf stall		10.00	10.00		
	Andrea Flower Stall (kept from float)		10.00	10.00		
	<b>Cash 2</b>		<b>160.00</b>	<b>160.00</b>	<b>160.00</b>	
	<b>CHARITY TOTALS</b>		<b>1022.42</b>	<b>1022.42</b>	<b>1287.42</b>	

distributions				
3 charities	1287.42	429.14	429.14	429.14
ODCA	182.50			