

Oxshott Village Day

Village Day Success

Oxshott Village Day on 2 May was a great success, despite the wind, which caused the stalls to find shelter around the field. This layout turned out to be much better and created a new look for our next Village Day in 2012.

Total revenues for the event were £5,594. This consisted of £1,962 in entrance contributions, £860 from stalls, £510 on the raffle, £1,340 in sponsorships, the remainder coming from contributions from takings during the day. We kept the same price for stalls as the last three years - £30 for commercial stalls and £10 for clubs and institution stalls.

We were very fortunate to have sponsors again this year. Boyce Thornton provided the funds for the climbing wall; Bourn Estates provided the funds for the Jazz Band; Alliance Security provided two security guards and Trenchard Arlidge, Clay Salon & Spa and The Bear Pub & Restaurant sponsored the entrance programmes. Several businesses donated all, or part, of their takings, including Benson's Funfairs, Chelsea Football Club, the Shetland Pony Club, the Hog Roast and the Climbing Wall.

The objective of Village Day is not to make money, but to provide a fun day for the village and cover our expenses. We retain the excess funds for capital expenditures such as the purchase of marquees and to have funds for a rainy day; anything in excess of this is donated to charity.

This year we made a donation to Oxshott Village Sports Club of £250; we hope to donate £750 to B@titude, and £250 to Rent-Start charity. Funds are kept in an account for Oxshott community events. There is a savings account with our original seed money from Fedora (£2,000) and an accumulated £1,879, which is kept for working capital and contingency funds. These funds also provide the donation of a Christmas tree every year to Oxshott High Street plus any lights or ornaments.

If you would like more information about Village Day, or Oxshott community events, or would like to help with or participate in the Village Day in 2012, please contact me at info@OxshottVillageDay.com.

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