



NEWTON FETE AND PARTY IN THE PARK 2016

A huge thank you to everybody who braved the unseasonal weather and attended our annual Village Fete and Party in the Park. We hope you enjoyed yourselves and your support made it into a great day! The site looked fantastic with all the colourful stalls, rides and different activities to keep people entertained. Many villagers commented positively on the intimacy of the occasion and seemed determined not to let the afternoon's cool temperatures and fine drizzle dampen their spirits. There were many highlights during the afternoon but I would like to highlight the fact that a unique, commemorative triptych was produced by villagers. It is a super piece of public art that can now be enjoyed by people in Newton.

As you are aware, the occasion was set to run into the evening with planned live music that Newton rarely has a chance to experience. At 5pm it was still dull and gloomy and setting up for the evening looked like a real challenge. However, at 6pm the weather miraculously changed; the clouds parted, the sun came out and the temperature rose significantly! The site was transformed by a team of 'roadies' and a mini Glastonbury appeared, bathed in beautiful evening sunlight and a little obligatory mud! Villagers and friends of all ages returned with their chairs, picnics and enjoyed music that got them on their feet and inspired them to dance into the night!

So a well done to all of you!

However, we all know that such events do not just happen and therefore, I would like to extend my immense gratitude to all the committee members who made Newton Fete and Party in the Park 2016 such a resounding success. They worked tirelessly for many weeks leading up to the event and over the weekend, put in many hours of their time, often in appalling conditions. They kept smiling throughout and I think they deserve your congratulations!

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