

Community Together Events

During July and August, hundreds of local people were drawn to four “Community Together Events” in Stonydelph, Glascote Heath, Amington and Belgrave. These were staged by the Council’s Community Development team together with Staffordshire Wildlife Trust with support from a variety of partner organisations working with us in these neighbourhoods.

To pull in the crowds, fun activities included a football tournament, wild animals, food tasting, inflatables, sumo suit wrestling and arts and craft activities. People attending also got the opportunity to climb inside police cars and fire engines, or take part in live singing and dance activities. Some were brave enough to handle snakes, cockroaches, rats and ferrets from Dudley Zoo.

Many organisations were there with stands providing information about opportunities and support including Citizens Advice, Credit Union, **Volunteer Centre Tamworth**, Community Safety Partnership, Sure Start, Home-Start, Youth Service, Council Housing, West Midlands Planning Aid, St Johns Ambulance and Community Development. There was also the chance to get free health advice from the Lifestyle Services and Smoking Cessation groups. Other local charities and community groups were also able to promote their services.

Peter Smith Community Development Manager said “these events were planned as an opportunity to bring the community together in a social setting and to share what services are available through the locality working project. All of the events were well attended despite some poor weather on two of the Saturdays. I think that these events have shown that the people living in these neighbourhoods want to help build a sense of community and that partners should be adding to the services on offer so that local people can access advice and support as well as have some fun together.”

All in all, a fun and informative day out for all those attending.