

Worthys Festival 2017 feedback

Thank you for all the positive comments we have received regarding this year's Festival.

Our grateful thanks and congratulations on such a very successful Worthys Festival. Every year it seems to get better and better. Long may it live as it brings together the community in great togetherness and spirit.

I thought the programme was fun, varied, and had something for everyone.

This year I felt a real sense of community, and as well as seeing neighbours who I don't see enough of, I spent time getting to know at least 10 people whom I would not have met otherwise

A tremendous achievement for the Worthy villages. It is great to see people from all walks of life joining in to make it happen.

The events that seem to have been enjoyed most were the Open Gardens, Music Festival, Beer Festival, Food Festival, Craft Show, Fireworks & AGC Band.

Many suggested that the Church Green event was disappointingly quiet and probably will not be repeated, taking the activities elsewhere during the week. Some of the weekday evening events were also quiet, and it has been suggested moving more to the Eversley Park weekend.

We were pleased that so many community organisations were involved – Scouts, Guides, Kings Worthy Primary School, Princes Mead School, St Mary's Church, Worthys Youth Football Club, Worthys History Group, Worthys Conservation Volunteers, Connecting Kings Worthy, Worthy Players, Winchester Theatre Arts, Worthy Runners, Tuesday's Place, Bubbles, Health Walks, Community Shed group and many individuals who arranged Street Parties and Open Gardens, many people who helped with the various events through the week, but in particular Dan Conroy who organised the Music and Food Festival, Robin and Christine Cook who were extremely helpful with tentage and electrics, Sue Tinkler and Emma Lowres re the Craft Fair, Mandy Hallisey the Dog Show, Paul Blythin the week's Jazz, Malcolm Prince re the Festival Run, Phil Allen for the Archaeology dig, Paul Young for the Cycle Ride and also the Cart & Horses Pub, Worthies Sports and Social Club, Church Paddock Fishery and King Charles pub who hosted events through the week.

We would like to thank our sponsors, Kings Worthy and Headbourne Worthy Parish Councils, Winchester City and Hampshire County Councils, Charters, HAB, Scottish & Southern Electricity Networks, Cart & Horses Pub, Worthies Sports and Social Club

We are now planning the 2019 Festival to run from 14th to 22nd September

Our Brainstorming meeting for this will be on Tuesday 6th February and we would welcome new volunteers and suggestions and help planning any new events.

Returning Chair of the Festival organising Team, Jane Rutter, says,

“I would just like to add my congratulations to all those involved in this year’s Festival, but in particular to thank Sarah White, who has Chaired the Festival Team so well for the past two years. Our Worthys Festival is a unique local event, not focused on fundraising, but centred heart and soul in the community; in fostering, enhancing, and supporting the local community and all the wonderful local charities, organisations, groups, children’s activities, local businesses and services that make up our community. We will be looking to continue that tradition of producing a Festival that has something for everyone, and from which nobody is excluded, in two years’ time.”