



FRIGHTFUL
fun: Finn
O'Neill,
seven, and
Grace
Leape, six,
with their
light-up
pumpkin
bucket.

Park's petrifying parade

WITCHING hour was certainly nigh at Victoria Park this Halloween, as ghosts and ghouls came out to play.

The Friends of Victoria Park group organised the park's first ever Halloween bash, with activities including lantern-making, balloon ghost-making, skeleton construction, and colouring spooky pictures.

Shelly Quinton-Hulme, chairwoman of the friends group, said the event was a great success.

She added: "There were more than 230 children who took part in the event, which

was fantastic. Everyone seemed to be having a great time and some of the creations were magnificent."

The lanterns made were later used for a Halloween parade around the park, which was accompanied by free party food, storytelling, toasted marshmallows, fancy dress and a best lantern competition.

The event was free, but the friends group raised around £270 in voluntary donations.

Shelly said: "We were totally overwhelmed by the response to this event.

"We had planned for

around 200 guests, but we think 500 plus people arrived.

"It was amazing to see so many of the community here supporting us and having a great time, and the lantern parade looked beautiful around the park.

"Next year will definitely be bigger and better, now we know there is a real taste for this event."

The next event in the park is a Christmas party on December 5 from noon to 3pm.

For more information, e-mail parkfriends@hotmail.com or visit fovps.org.uk.