

Friends of Victoria Park - Easter Event 7/4/12

Saturday 7th April was the 9th annual Easter Egg Hunt in Victoria Park, Stretford. Organised by the parks Friends group it has become a firm favourite on their events calendar. Shelly Quinton-Hulme Chair of the Friends group said, "This is probably one of my favourite events and it's great that after nine years it's still so popular."

With arts and crafts, refreshments, stalls, races, face painting, balloon modelling, tombola and of course the decorated egg competition, the Easter Bonnet Parade and the Easter Egg Hunt, it's no wonder that it continues to bring in the crowds. With the cost of living constantly rising, the Friends group are pleased that activities at this event still cost the same as when it first started nine years ago. With each race only 20p to enter and the Arts and Crafts and Easter Egg Hunt only costing £1 each, the group aims to make the activities as accessible to as many people as possible. With around 300 children taking part in the Easter Egg Hunt and around 800 people attending the event throughout the course of the day, there is no doubt about its popularity.

The Mayor of Trafford, Councillor Jane Baugh and her Consort Dr Peter Baugh were there to support the event and even posed for pictures with the Easter Bunny before handing out lots of prizes for the Easter Bonnet and Decorated Egg competitions. Kate Green the Labour MP for Stretford and Urmston and Stretford's Labour Councillors Tom Ross, Dolores O'Sullivan and Steven Adshead were all there to lend their support. Whilst Kate, Tom and Dolores were busy helping on the refreshment stand, Stephen took on the role of photographer for the day.

Shelly said "The day was a great success again and it's always lovely to see so many families from the local community enjoying our park." Shelly emphasised that days like this wouldn't be possible, "... without the support and hard work of all the members of the group and the extra volunteers who are always willing to help."

To find out more about the Friends group visit their website www.fovps.org.uk

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