

CLAYTON WEST

# OPEN VILLAGE

19 SEPTEMBER 2015

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# REFLECTIONS

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# WHAT WAS OPEN VILLAGE?

A day and evening of events and activities hosted and run by residents and groups throughout the village of Clayton West.

Open Village was supported by Made in Clayton West which is an open network of local residents . They are connecting people and skills in the village to help make things happen that make Clayton West an even better place to live.

- 1 village
- 1 day
- 21 different arts, sports, nature, food and social activities
- Over 250 people taking part
- Over 900 attendances across the activities



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## ACTIVITIES AND SKILLS PEOPLE SHARED...

Bike maintenance and cycling advice with Ian 'Mr Bike' Garbutt  
Fly fishing and river wildlife at the River Dearne with Phil Slater  
High Tea with little helpers at United Reformed Church  
Macmillan coffee morning at United Reformed Church  
Crown green bowling at Clayton West Bowling Club  
Woodland fairy house making in Cliffe Woods  
Football taster with Scissett Football Club  
Orienteering on Millennium Green  
Clive and Lee – marquee and music  
Methodist Church coffee morning  
Allotment visit with Emma Sloan  
Lee and Lyndsey's lovely caravan  
Village bakers – tarts and treats  
Singing round the piano

Eva Davies solo performances  
Kirklees Big Band performance  
Magic and music by John Danbury  
Knit and natter at the Methodist Church  
Kidz Club crafts at the Methodist Church  
Organ recital at United Reformed Church  
Babies and toddlers welcome new families  
Zip wire and trampoline thanks to Clive Ramsden  
Heritage and architecture quiz at All Saints' Church  
Open Studio with artists John Coombes and Katrin Freitag  
Open Studio Antarctic artwork exhibition by Adele Jackson



# WHAT WAS YOUR SPECIAL MOMENT OF THE DAY?

“The smile on the children's faces on completion of the course.”

“Seeing so many people in our hall.”

“Meeting people with a similar interest.”

“All the bowling club visitors played a few ends and appreciated the skills needed to play the bowls near to the jack.”

“Seeing the children's good ideas and the zip wire for our Grandson!”

“Watching kids and dogs splashing in the water as well as others being intrigued by the "mini beasts" that we scooped from the stream. It reminded me of my childhood.”

“Handing out some freebies to some young children who pedalled a static bike for a set time, this really brought a smile to their faces and I saw them wearing their cycling freebies late into the evening!”

“Getting new pedals on my bike.”



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# WHAT WORKED WELL?

“A fabulous day! Loads of visitors!”

“It was a great success because it got people into the green to see it being used for more than just an open space.”

“More people are now interested in protecting the river.”

“Nice central location of my activity, fab caravan and marquee and weather!”

“In the sunshine the grass looked good and the visitors commented on the pleasant and peaceful surroundings.”

“The size of the orienteering course for the age group worked really well.”

“Having a variety of music available to play on the piano.”

“The advertising by Made in Clayton was fantastic - lots of people I know in the village, and beyond was talking about it - even if they couldn't make any events, they all know about Made in Clayton.”



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## WHAT COULD BE IMPROVED?

“More publicity through local churches and perhaps in popular shops in Skelmanthorpe.”

“If I was to do this again I would have someone available to take contact details from guests and also a website in place to refer interested people to.”

“To be a bit quicker off the mark really...and be more involved, we could have used our bar/clubhouse to host other activities.”

“The next event could well be put on over the full day, that might also include some older age group categories. It would be nice to hold the event in more fields than just the Millennium Green.”

“Perhaps a printed programme [just for what was on in our building].”

“Have a 'conductor' or someone else in charge of the singing.”



# WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO DO NEXT?

“A 'Party in the Park' could be hosted by the Green, a village event rather than solely a Millennium Green event.”

“Here at Scissett Football Club we feel have a role to play in the local community and having the facilities, large outside space, and clubhouse, we're more than happy to get involved again.”

“Years ago Clayton West / Scissett used to do a harvest festival in the village...its a great way for young and older generations to come together.”

“Wouldn't it be nice to have village/ community garden!”

“Yearly event, a band, DJ or a ceilidh dance under the marquee next year, possibly with a barbeque and drinks.”

“We would certainly consider a future follow up event...morning and afternoon sessions would allow the visitors more time on the bowling green.”

“I would bring a special bike smoothie maker so people could pedal, make drinks, have fun.”

“A Soapbox Derby down High Street, Scott Hill and Long Lane.”

“A community feast day where people come together to share communal food, art and music.”

“I hope one or two of the visitors appear next year when the 2016 bowling season starts in April.”

“I think that there is enough artistic talent in the village to stage an event to lift the gloom of winter like the Slaithwaite Moonraking Festival does.”



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**LOOK AT WHAT WE CAN DO  
WHEN WE COME TOGETHER  
TO MAKE THINGS HAPPEN**

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