

Ledbury CommunityDay 2023

Chairman's Report

This year's event, the 8th since 2013, went ahead with the usual uncertainty:

Will the weather be good without rain?

Will any of the groups not turn up?

Has the planning for the event covered all the bases?

Hoping that the locals come and visit the halls and other sites?

Well, as it transpired, none of the above came about. The scene was set with the Brass Band playing out under the Market House after the Mayor and the Carnival Court declared the Day open.

Over 60 groups were placed in the Burgage Hall, St. Katherines Hall, around the Market House or based at the group's own premises such as the Bowling Club or the Church.

The Community Hall was booked and held as a refuge in case the rain came down since the total number of Participants was lower than the years prior to Covid.

There was a perception that the footfall was lower than usual but the crowds surrounding the Market House for the Band, Bellringing and Morris Dancing were strong all the time.

The support from the team of Stewards made the Day and the communication set of handsets funded by Eastnor Masonic Charity helped to monitor the event.

Funding of the event by Ledbury Town Council and Eastnor Masonic Charity enabled the renting of the halls and the promotional material to be distributed around the town. Hopefully similar funding will be available next year for the 9th Ledbury Community Day.

My thanks are due to the committee members who make the Day happen by giving their time freely.

Paul Kinnaird

Chair - Ledbury Community Day 2023