

We Love Wolverton Events - End of Grant Report

I would like to thank the Wolverton and Greenleys Town Council for their financial support of £150 towards the community fiesta. Without their support it would have not been possible to make these events affordable for all.

All residents in the community of Wolverton and the surrounding area were invited through the social media platform We Love Wolverton, with no age, disability or any other restriction/discrimination, to create an environment that was friendly and welcoming for all. The aim was to make the events affordable for everyone and ask for a donation only to contribute to future events. Also, one of the aims is to support local businesses, by hiring a struggling local venue and inviting local businesses to take part (Wolverton based Taco Shack was invited to park his van on site with no charge).

The **Community Fiesta** took place on the 26th of January 2019 at the Wolverton Workingmen's Social Clad. It had the goal of supporting and promoting the sharing of the culture and experiences of our rich and diverse community. The money granted was used to partially compensate the mobile disco and hire of the hall. Ecuadorian musicians delighted the audience with some Andean melodies skilfully played on the panpipes. They played Latin music and gave a Salsa demonstration, inviting members of the audience to try some moves. An incredibly diverse audience danced Latin music all together, with people of all ages and from all around the world united by music, dance and food. Roughly **60** people took part to this event.

Participants to this event gave a positive feedback and expressed the hope to be able to attend more of these kinds of events.

Here below quotes from some participants:

"Thank you. This was such a lovely event for all ages",

"It was so fun and so nice to get people together",

"So many different ages, all together having a great time".

A total of roughly 60 residents benefited from this grant and we are very grateful for it.

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