

Item 13: Addiscombe Village Jumble Trail Update

On Sunday 30 September 2018, 73 stalls were set up in the streets of Addiscombe Village contributing to the success of the 2018 Jumble Trail.

Three other neighbouring residents' associations Blackhorse, CHASE and HOME joined forces with ASPRA to make the 2018 event even bigger and more widespread than previous years. Several stallholders returned for a second or third time and there were many newcomers too. Stalls were a good mix of nearly new items, books, children's wear and toys, handmade cards, original art, homemade chutneys and cakes and the most popular item listed was 'bric-a-brac'!

One of the aims of the Jumble Trail has been to encourage a sense of community. Thanks to all the stallholders and visitors who participated, together with colleagues in the other RAs who provided support, the organisers felt the objective was met. Feedback was very positive. The weather held fair, and it was heartening to see so many people enjoying a stroll through our neighbourhood in the sunshine.

Generous support was received from several local businesses. LMB Group Ltd kindly printed the booking forms; Addiscombe Security Centre and Café Adagio received all the forms and handled a variety of enquiries and many local traders displayed Jumble Trail posters.. Cllr Maddie Henson, for a second year, kindly provided funding from her community budget to cover the costs of additional event publicity and stationery. This resulted in every penny of the £5 booking fee going towards funding the Addiscombe Village Christmas lights. The total raised was £365.

Planning has already started for the 2019 Jumble Trail which will take place on Sunday 15 September. Again, all four residents' associations will be participating. LMB Group Ltd has confirmed they will produce the booking forms and this year these will be returned to two Lower Addiscombe Road traders, Addiscombe Security Centre and Bargain Booze. Cllr Maddie Henson has also generously offered her support. Enquiries are currently ongoing with a local estate agent to provide advertising boards.

Further information about the Jumble Trail will be included in the next edition of the ASPRA magazine. The plan is to have the booking form available for download from the ASPRA website in late May and copies distributed to residents in all the four participating residents' association in June. It is hoped that magazine distributors will be happy to deliver in their roads.

This year, Jumble Trail champions Lyn Simmons and Jenny Crook will be joined by ASPRA member Krystyna Pawelczyk who will focus on promoting the event via social media. As ever, the organisers welcome any additional support from ASPRA members.