



Fun and sun brighten up life on estate

Young and old flocked to the annual Community Fun Day on the Peulwys Estate in Old Colwyn.

The event was organised by the Peulwys and District Community Centre in conjunction with the new housing association, Cartrefi Conwy, who have a Community House on the estate.

Cartrefi Conwy came into being last year when it took over all Conwy County Borough Council's houses and flats, including homes on the Peulwys estate. The action-packed fun day included a host of stalls and activities for the youngsters including sports and a fancy dress parade.

It was also attended by a number of local organisations including North Wales Police, the North Wales Fire Service, Llandudno Credit Union, the RSPCA and Conwy County Borough Council's Way of Life Team and Genesis Project. Lynn Arthur, the Peulwys Community House Manager, who organised the event along with Community Centre Administrator Marie Bowler, said: "The event serves a good purpose because it allows us to reach out across the community.

"We have in the region of 500 properties locally and we can showcase the range of services available to people as well as providing a family fun day for tenants of all ages."

Among those there was Martin Fearnley, of Conwy Council's Way of Life Team, who was involved in organising activities for the children.

He said: "My role is as Community Engagement Officer for the Way of Life Project which aims to teach health and fitness.

"We're looking to set programmes up to promote healthy lifestyles which involve the whole family and we've had some great success stories."

Sandie Holland was also there for the Genesis Project which aims to help single lone parents get back into the workplace.

She said: "We are particularly targeting helping mums to show them what we can do for them and we find it useful to connect with them through their children.

“But most of all today we want to help them and especially the children have a great time.”

Cartrefi Conwy Director of Operations Gwynne Jones said: “The Community Centre and the Community House have worked together to set up this joint open day.

“We wanted an event that would give the community the chance to find out the services that are on offer to them and one that would be a lot of fun and bring people together and I think we have succeeded thanks to the hard work of all concerned.”

PICTURED: Dani Grimshaw, age 4, helps on one of the stalls with Community House Manager Lynn Arthur and Community Centre Administrator Marie Bowler.

