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Grange Event is a Great Success ...despite the weather!

By John Dearing

The Old Barn Centre was the location for Barnet Homes' Grange Estate Consultation Event on the afternoon of Saturday 22 November, organised by Barnet Council Housing Operations. The centrepiece of the event was the Resident Survey, run by Wendy Bohan, processed by Market Research UK with independent advice by Solon.

Residents were asked their views on the whole environment of the estate, covering issues such as security, bins, lighting, cleaning, grounds maintenance, play areas, green spaces, community facilities and participation. Residents who want further information about participation can call the tenant participation officer on 8359 4860.

Questions and answers

The event was however, a lot more than just the consultation. Kevin Turnpenny, the area housing manager, was there to answer questions (with Tristan Greene, the caretaker). There was a presentation of the options for

the replacement and upgrading of kitchens and windows taking place on the estate, with examples of replacement windows and kitchen fittings available.

There were stands by Barnet Council (plans for the estate), Barnet College (courses available), East Finchley LA21 (planting for posterity- the tree nursery), East Finchley Credit Union, the Met. Police in the person of PC Paul Carter, East Finchley's Community Police Officer (home security advice and property marking), Barnet PCT (health checks). Councillors Colin Rogers and Alison Moore were there, debating the issues and answering questions.

Good time

For the children, Barnet Play Association organised a wishing tree, badge making, drawing and

face painting. Jugglers and Clowns involved and entertained a whole army of youngsters. Excellent refreshments were provided and, on the more serious side, there was a display and video on the topic of the proposed ALMO

(Arms Length Management Organisation).

Throughout the afternoon, despite almost continuous rain, there was a surprisingly high turnout, lots of people had a good time and the event was clearly a success for all involved.



Mark and Tom are spidermen cousins. Photo by John Dearing

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