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Give us a wave: Neighbours having fun at the Cherry Tree Road party.



Jumping, jamming and colouring: The Chandos Road party in full swing. Photo Chris Paul.



All together now: Leopold Road residents were out to celebrate. Photo James Vernon.

## So good we did it again

Last year was a bumper time for street parties all over the country as people celebrated the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle. Several sets of neighbours in East Finchley enjoyed theirs so much they decided to hold another one this year to bring their community together again and reclaim their street.

On Saturday 14 September, Leopold Road residents closed their road (with permission from the Council) and celebrated with a live DJ, homemade food, decorations and other activities.

Resident Andry Moustras said: "It was wonderful having the chance to get to know each other and watching the children having the space to play freely. Everyone came together and contributed something to the party. It had a lovely community atmosphere."

On the same day, just across the High Road, Chandos Road was partying too. Neighbours chipped in with £10 per household to cover food, decorations and a bouncy castle, and everyone brought a food dish. Surplus cash was donated to the North London Hospice and unused food to the Muswell Hill Soup Kitchen.

Resident Chris Paul said:

"Thanks to the glorious weather, we had a great turnout. People came and went all day from 1pm-8pm. Even Jan Lovell, the local community bobby, and her colleague made an appearance to grab a burger and hot dog from the barbecue."

Two weeks earlier, residents in Cherry Tree Road came together for their own street party where all had been asked to bring a dish to share, some-

thing to drink, a chair and a smile. Some children took the chance to sell off unwanted toys and there was a Guess the Weight of the Cake competition.

Resident and Archer writer Diana Cormack said: "The sunny September afternoon encouraged people to stay beyond the appointed time or maybe they stayed because they were enjoying themselves so much."



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