

# Record attendance at Hannington Fair



RECORD numbers of visitors flocked to this year's Hannington Country Fair held on Sunday 23rd June. A preliminary count has put attendance at around 5000 visitors.

Around the busy main area food stalls did a roaring trade with just one of them cooking and selling 1700 burgers and sausages alone. The coconut shy had a first with a "hat trick of hat tricks", as two young boys and a young girl hit three coconuts with three balls each.

The beer tent was busy too with visitors trying the selection of local ales and ciders on offer. The cider from the Mr. Whitehead's of Alton ran out

early due to popular demand. Even the children's Fishing Boat game sold 500 rods with every child leaving with a prize.

The Fun Dog Show repeated its success of the last Fair and a very popular introduction was the first Rare Breed Sheep Show with the Best in Show won by Mary Sims with a Border Leicester Ewe called Annabel.

Fair Chairman Antony Littleton said: "Hannington Country Fair now seems permanently established as a major popular day out for all the family right across the area. The Fair is now bigger with more to see and do which has increased its attraction. At the same time, it has remained true to its roots as a truly home-grown countryside event and a lot of visitors seem to appreciate this."

The money raised by Hannington Fair this year will go to support community activities in the village and St Michael's Hospice in Basingstoke.





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