

## It's Gold for the Clay Cross Games



Over 650 people turned out to the first ever Clay Cross Games on Sunday 28 July at Sharley Park, for an afternoon filled with fun, games and plenty of community spirit. Families and friends from Clay Cross, Danesmoor, and beyond enjoyed the event designed by the local community, which featured a wide array of activities and performances designed to entertain and engage all ages.

### **Designed by the community, for the community**

The event was conceived and designed by a group of local community members who collaborated with **First Art** and the **Out and About Consortium**. The games and activities were conceived by the group and site decorations, including flags and dream catchers, were crafted by local people during pre-event workshops.

The event was supported by the **Out and About Consortium**, part of the North East Derbyshire Active Neighbourhood Pilot (led by **Derbyshire Voluntary Action**). This initiative has been set up to encourage more people to participate in walking activities and promotes physical activity and community engagement. Attendees walked an average of 4,500 steps (just over 2 miles) throughout the day, with many walking to the event from their nearby homes. The Clay Cross Games exemplify how community-driven initiatives can successfully bring people together to embrace healthier, more active lifestyles.

**First Art** is an arts charity working with communities across Ashfield, Mansfield, Bolsover, and North-East Derbyshire to enable people first-hand arts and cultural experiences in their local area.

### **Future Plans**

We are hoping this is the start of many community events in Clay Cross and Danesmoor, but we need the help of the community to do this. If you're interested in getting involved in our future community events, then please email [info@firstart.org.uk](mailto:info@firstart.org.uk) for an informal chat and more information.

A spokesperson for First Art said:

“With the success of this year's event, we're keen to look at the possibility of hosting another Clay Cross Games and more events in Clay Cross and Danesmoor.

“The Out and About Consortium invites the whole community—residents, teachers, students, businesses, and others—to collaborate and come up with ideas for future events.”

Read the full Press Release <https://www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk/news-and-media/latest-news/its-gold-for-the-clay-cross-games>