

Fair gets more traction than anticipated

Last Saturday, Suffolk Food Hall opened its paddocks to just over 4000 guests for its first ever Vintage and Modern Tractor Fair.

With organisers expecting around 1000 visitors they were delighted by the up take. Marketing and Design Coordinator, Gemma Melton said, 'We have had a great response, thank you to all of our customers, friends and family for supporting the day'.

The event in aid of Suffolk Community Foundation raised over £1000. Tim Holder Development Director at the Community Foundation attended the event and was delighted at the number of families out for the day taking selfies on the variety of tractors!

Highlights included the vintage tractors parade, Oliver's Travels, fire engine photo booth, live bands with music from Keith Sadler, Kev Walford, Reno and Rome, Flyzig, Elephant in the Room, Meg Hughes and Fern Theater. Children's Tractor Learner driving proved very popular alongside trailer rides beside the river Orwell. Everyone was well fed, with the outside stalls selling out of brisket buns and hog roasts.

Radio Suffolk attended with Simon their roaming reporter who enjoyed a whistle-stop tour of the fair, he even learnt how to drive the *Rolls-Royce* of tractors! Another attraction was the competition to win a hamper by guessing how many balloons were in the tractor, the winners have been announced on Suffolk Food Hall's Facebook page.

The weather held out until the early evening when the event closed and the team prepared for a wedding reception in the Cookhouse restaurant. After a well-deserved rest the team have now set the date for next year, Saturday 27th August 2016... save the date!

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About Community Foundation

Suffolk Community Foundation is one of 48 Community Foundations in the UK. Collectively they are the fastest growing UK-wide funders of local charities and voluntary organisations. They represent a way for local people to give right to the heart of their communities wherever they live across Suffolk. They address the widest possible range of issues and intervene in the hardest to reach communities. In this respect community foundations offer a compelling message and fulfil a vital role.

About Suffolk Food Hall

10 year 'Champion of Champions' for Local Food at this year's Countryside Alliance Rural Oscars; the Suffolk Food Hall is a butchery, bakery, restaurant, café, delicatessen, home and garden centre specialising in quality, seasonal and local produce. Located south of Ipswich underneath the Orwell

Bridge, cousins and co-founders, Oliver and Robert Paul, started the business with a view to showcase the best of local food that they and their farming friends were producing.

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