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## **Clydebank Housing Association Press Release**

### **Centre81 Community Gala Day**

On Saturday 14th August, Centre81 held its third Community Gala Day in conjunction with CAOS (Community Arts; Open Space). The day was a huge success with over 500 Whitecrook residents attending. There were bouncy castles, face painting and funfair rides for the younger children and sports and a climbing wall for the older kids. Louise Harkiss, a local holistic therapist gave taster sessions of aromatherapy massage for adults. All the local community organisations pulled together to provide information and activities. The day was a fun, community led event, which celebrated the fantastic range of work that is currently happening in Whitecrook but it was also an opportunity for local people to discover more about future provision in their area.

The local children who had attended CAOS Summer Workshops showcased all their hard work with dance performances throughout the day.

Everyone who attended enjoyed a free BBQ and refreshments provided by Clydebank Housing Association.

We would like to thank to everyone who made the day such a success including CAOS, Community Renewal, Y-Sort-IT, Streetlinks, the Tulloch Trust, Voices Group, Clydebank East Community Council, G H Davidson's Butchers, Louise Harkiss Holistic Therapist, Army Careers Office, NHS Smoking Cessation, Skills Development Scotland, WDC's Community Learning & Development, CDC Cheerleaders, Strathclyde Fire Brigade and Cafe Kizel.

CAOS have just come to the end their first year of Big Lottery Investing in Communities Fund and the Community Gala Day was a fantastic opportunity for members of all ages to display this year's work in the free gallery space, run and attend open visual arts workshops, raise funds through selling pieces of pottery made by local young people and adults and share their dance performances.

Centre81 is a wider role initiative, owned and managed by Clydebank Housing Association.

Fiona Webster, Director of Clydebank Housing Association said, "We were really looking forward to helping residents of Whitecrook celebrate their Community Gala Day and as expected, the day was a great success. We are delighted that Centre81, in the heart of Whitecrook, was the venue for the 3rd consecutive year and we offer special thanks to CAOS for organising and co-ordinating the event".

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