



## Urban Renaissance Villages Limited

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### **BRAMSHOTT PLACE VILLAGE STAGES A GOOD OLD COUNTRY FAYRE**



Bill Gair, Chief Executive  
of Urban Renaissance Villages.

Once upon a time, almost every English village would have had its annual summer fair, bringing everyone together for an afternoon of fun for all the generations to enjoy together. But sadly these events are now not as commonplace as they used to be. However the luxury development for the over 55s, Bramshott Place Village in Liphook, Hampshire, whose ethos is to create for its residents, that fundamental old-fashioned element so vital to our health and well-being, true community spirit, staged its own Country Fayre on September 10, reviving some of the old village fair traditions and adding

some fun original ones. Despite adverse weather conditions, the result was a resounding success and hopefully the event will become part of the new Village's annual traditions!

Over 100 visitors and residents donned wet weather gear and in true English style, spent the afternoon watching a highly entertaining falconry display, listening to the rousing tones of an excellent Brass Band which had previously appeared at The Chelsea Flower Show, The Conservative Party Conference, and even played on Gardeners Question Time from the roof of John Lewis Oxford Street! Grandparents and grandchildren alike enjoyed testing their skills at old favourites such as the Hook a Duck and Tin Can Alley stalls, discovering what the future holds by consulting the fortune-teller, and being amused by a walkabout entertainer with various magic and conjuring tricks, as they enjoyed refreshments provided by the on-site Stirlings restaurant, and locally made Dylan's ice cream.

The event was officially opened by East Hampshire's MP, Damian Hinds, whose father and young children also enjoyed the various events of the afternoon. Reflecting on the contribution the new Village has made to the local community, Mr Hinds commented: "Bramshott Place Village is a



East Hampshire's MP, Damian Hinds enjoying the Country Fayre.

wonderful model of what true village life should be and it is excellent to have this development as part of the wider Bramshott and Liphook community life."

Bill Gair, Chief Executive of Urban Renaissance Villages, and indeed a resident of Bramshott Place Village himself spoke of how delighted he was to be welcoming Damian Hinds MP to open the Country Fayre.

"As the building work here nears

completion and the community settles into the routines of real village life, we expect events such as this Country Fayre to become a regular fixture in the lives of local people, bringing together Bramshott Place Village residents and the broader community of Liphook and the surrounding villages," he commented.

Big favourites among the younger visitors at the Fayre (and many of their older relatives!) were the various animals and birds on display. There was a chance to meet some of the residents of the local donkey sanctuary at Brook, near Godalming, called Donkeys Delight, which provides a peaceful home and rehabilitation centre for rescue donkeys. They also take the donkeys to help children with special needs and those in a hospice whose lives are limited. Further information on the wonderful service this sanctuary provides is available from 01428 288358.

Also much admired at the Fayre were two excellently behaved dogs from the local new Hounds for Heroes charity, for which Bramshott residents recently raised several hundred pounds.

During his awe-inspiring and very amusing display, the falconer, whose talent as an entertainer certainly matched his skills with the birds of prey, explained how owls see, hear and hunt at night by inviting a group of fascinated spectators, of all ages, into the arena with him, and having them pretend to be mice and then trees whilst his owl flew at full speed into them and then over their heads!

Visitors also had a chance to win various prizes at the tombola run by the Residents Association, and to throw wet sponges at each other (as if they were not wet enough from the weather!) which, together with donations given at the various stalls during the afternoon, raised over £720 for local charities.

Bramshott Place Village is an award-winning development designed for independent retirement living within a community of like-minded people, and there are only five cottages and 43 apartments left to buy! Residents' amenities include a Clubhouse with fitness suite and restaurant, Village Manager, shop and healthcare facilities, all surrounded by a park and woodland estate.

Further information about the homes available for sale at Bramshott Place Village is available on 01428 722800, or by visiting [www.bramshottplace.co.uk](http://www.bramshottplace.co.uk)

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