

Noise Review 2011

On the May Day Bank Holiday weekend, for the 10th consecutive year, Christians from all over Bristol and beyond, got together to show the love of Jesus in lots of very different practical ways.

It was fantastic to see **over 600 people (including our Noise Kids Team and Family Teams) from over 30 different churches** united and working together with the same desire to make a difference in the communities of North Bristol. This year The Noise grew in size to work with the communities of Horfield, Lockleaze, Lawrence Weston, Little Stoke, Lockleaze, Manor Farm, Sea Mills, Southmead and Upper Horfield.



This year, Noise volunteers worked hard to complete **85 Community Transformation Projects**, including work in local schools and residential homes, individual garden tidy ups, massive rubbish clearance in public spaces, and feedback from the community has been really positive.

A teacher from Sea Mills Primary School commented; “Thank you very much for all your teams hard work. The children will benefit from the extra play space that you have created for them... It’s good to know that the community cares so much.”

And a local Police Community Support Officer from Southmead said; “I just wanted to say a big thank you to yourself and The Noise Project for the fantastic job you made of the raised flower beds... It has really lifted the spirits of the residents and gives them all something to enjoy all year round.”



As well as the practical projects, there were **7 Family Fun Afternoons** over the weekend, including **3 Community BBQ's**. The whole community came out to enjoy the great weather, the inflatable games, face painting, craft zone, cafe area, and The Noise Talent Show, and the fact that everything on offer was free!



Over 150 guests enjoyed **3 Senior Citizens Banquets** on Sunday afternoon – a great occasion of good food, company and entertainment!

There were also organised **4 Football Coaching and Tournaments** enjoyed by 100's of children, and a lot of cars were washed for free all over the community!

The impact of The Noise was felt not only in the community but by the volunteers who gave up their time over the weekend. It was encouraging to see volunteers from of all ages and backgrounds enjoying working together – but particularly to see an increased number of 14-21 year olds involved. A youth leader who brought a team from outside Bristol said; “We had a great time and it was so good for our young people to get out of their comfortable little world for a while! They were particularly surprised to see that the area where we were working looked a lot like where they live; but the needs they discovered behind closed doors really got them thinking about the needs there might be in their own communities! And they definitely want to do it again next year!”



The Noise Organisers would just like to say a massive **THANK YOU** to all of you who were involved over the weekend. We really appreciate the time you gave up and all the hard work you did to serve and bless our communities. It has been really encouraging to hear your stories and feedback from the weekend, thanks for taking time to do that. The Noise is about demonstrating what Christians are all about, not just for a weekend, but the whole year round. Relationships with local churches, community organisations, families, and individuals have been built in the run up to, and over the course of this weekend – and we are really looking forward to seeing God continue to work in these, and in the communities of North Bristol.

A date for your diary... The Noise 2012: Saturday 5th – Monday 7th May!

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