

The village Fête is the epitome of a community getting together and it was fabulous to see the hundreds of people who gathered together on Datchworth Green on 10th June.

It was a beautiful sunny day and everyone was there. Young and old all having a great time. Even the male contingent was well represented on the green, and not all crowded into the sports club to watch the football!

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It was particularly good to see the teenagers of the village taking part and also there to help clear up afterwards.

I was also very impressed to read in Wally Emm's letter that a group of teenagers went along to the Parish Council meeting to petition for new goalposts. I doubt I would have had the courage to do that at their age!

Teenagers get a bad press - particularly at the moment it seems - but in my experience it is the 99% who get tarred with the brush of the 1%. I haven't been here long but it seems to me that Datchworth thrives largely because of the continuity of its community and long may it last.

Ralph McCluskey

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