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## Friends of Anderton and Marbury

WOODLAND FESTIVAL AT MARBURY COUNTRY PARK 30th NOVEMBER

It stopped raining 2 hours before the event and started again 2 hours after - were we lucky.

The event was a great success. We had been worried about the weather and the lateness of the year but we had crowds. Impossible to know how many with certainty but I counted 50/60 present on site at any one time (x 1 hour stay x 5 hours = 250/300). The Rangers estimated 200 - 500 and the car park (which takes 100+ cars) was packed all day. Surprisingly we seemed to have more in the morning than the afternoon. The presence of a Great Northern Diver on the Mere 200 yds away also gave us a good passing trade in twitchers.

The list of events we put on was (I think) quite impressive:

- wood turners - powered and pole lathe
- little owl baskets workshop
- bodging
- fine furniture making
- willow basket weaving
- barn owl display
- displays from most of the Friends groups in the Mersey Forest
- chainsaw demonstration and tree surgery
- woodland management workshop
- charcoal making
- Rangers display trailer
- Hay rake making
- horse and cart rides
- video microscope
- bird box making and exhibition of various types
- tree dressing
- bird ringing demonstration
- wooden musical instruments - xylophone and whistles
- besom making

The last seven were of most interest to the children and were all hands on. Most fascinating was the chance to hold a bird before releasing it after ringing - the children were completely enthralled. The second most interesting event was the besom making - something to do with a Harry Potter.

Your sponsorship money was spent as follows (invoices enclosed):

N Hurst Furniture maker	100
D Whiting Charcoal burner	100
C Edwards Video microscope	115
F Sharpe Horse & cart rides	220
Wood turners Guild	50
D Bryant Pole lathe	80
G Roberts Bodger	130