

HEART OF SIDLEY CELEBRATE SUCCESS OF SIDLEY FESTIVAL 2025

Heart of Sidley are thrilled to announce the overwhelming success of the Sidley Festival 2025, held on Saturday, June 14th, at Sidley Recreation Ground.

This free community event welcomed over 2,000 visitors who enjoyed a vibrant celebration of local talent, community spirit, and family fun.

The festival offered a diverse and engaging programme of entertainment, all free for attendees.

Highlights included outstanding performances from local bands, singers, drummers, and cheerleaders, showcasing the incredible talent within our community, including Sidley's Young Creatives, a DLWP programme for local teens, who brought their energy and incredible singing to the stage.

Families were delighted by a free big top circus, captivating stilt walkers, and a wide array of free children's activities, face-painting and much more, ensuring fun for all ages.

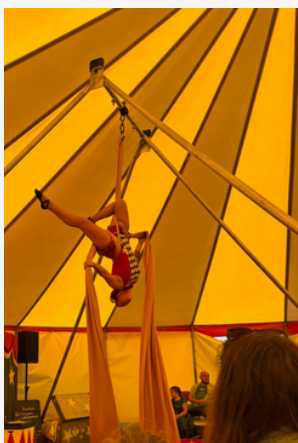


A Decade of Community Impact & Future Plans

This year's festival held special significance as Heart of Sidley also celebrated 10 years as a Big Local area.

Displays showcased their remarkable work and achievements over the past decade, culminating in a heartfelt speech on stage from Chairman Jay Carroll, who reflected on the journey and future aspirations for the charity as they continue their work in the area as Heart of Sidley Community Association.

Adding to the excitement, the team from BMR Construction Ltd, the company set to build the much-anticipated Sidley Hub, were on hand engaging with the community, displaying plans and answering questions about Heart of Sidley's upcoming build, a project poised to further enhance local amenities.



A Heartfelt Thank You

"We are absolutely delighted with the turnout and the incredible atmosphere at this year's Sidley Festival," said Jay Carroll, Chairman of Heart of Sidley. "It was truly heartening to see so many smiling faces and witness the community come together in such a joyful way. This festival, completely free to all, is a testament to the strong bonds we have here in Sidley, and we are incredibly proud to host an event that brings so much happiness to so many."

Heart of Sidley commissioned experienced event production company, 18 Hours, to help bring their vision for the festival to life. Their expertise and dedication were instrumental in ensuring the smooth running and exceptional quality of the event.

"18 Hours provided invaluable support in producing the festival, ensuring a seamless and professionally executed event that exceeded our expectations. Their partnership was crucial to the days' success," added Jay Carroll.



A special thank you goes to the Marine Training Corps Cadets, who regularly volunteer at Heart of Sidley events. Their hard work, politeness, and unwavering willingness to help are absolutely vital. They are a true asset to the community, and we thank each and every one of them.

Heart of Sidley extends its sincere thanks to all volunteers, supporters, performers, stallholders, sponsors, funders, and most importantly, the attendees, who made this year's festival such a memorable occasion. Your contributions are so appreciated.

Preparations for Sidley Festival 2026 are already eagerly underway, with Sidley Hub set to be finished and ready to showcase at next year's event!

For more information about Heart of Sidley and all past and future events, please visit their website: www.heartofsidley.co.uk ❤️

