

## Latest News

### July 2011

#### Going green in Mell Square

Mell Square played host to its second Go Green Fair on Saturday 2 July, as part of a drive to get people to become more environmentally friendly.

The event was organised by Solihull Faith Forum's eco group, part of the Solihull Partnership, to encourage residents to think green.

The Fair was more than twice the size of last year's and attracted a lot of interest to the two marquees, market stalls, gazebo and community bus that housed the exhibitors.



There was a variety of information on offer, from the benefits of using solar panels to volunteering and conservation. One of the most popular stands was Fairtrade, providing fairly-sourced products such as tea, coffee, sugar, wine and jewellery.

The Mayor of Solihull, Councillor Irene Chamberlain, and her escort Robert Chamberlain, visited the Fair and spent time talking to exhibitors, including stands supported by Solihull Council's Park Rangers and Environmental teams.

The Mayor said: "It was delightful to see residents come together to show their common concerns over the future of our precious environment. The event provided plenty of ways for people to get involved and do their bit, as we continue to move towards a greener borough."

Event organiser and Solihull Faiths' Forum steering group member, Beryl Moppett said: "There was a tremendous amount of interest from all our different communities, learning more about green technology and sustainable living in Solihull."

**PIC CAPTION: (L-R) Environmental Coordinator Andrew Greenall with The Mayor of Solihull, Irene Chamberlain, her escort Robert Chamberlain, and Beryl Moppet from Solihull Faiths' Forum.**

**Notes to Editor:**

**Solihull Faiths' Forum:**

- The Solihull Faiths' Forum (SFF) has been set up to promote inter-faith working in Solihull, and has over 70 faith community members, representing a broad range of different faiths. It also appoints a Steering Group with representation from the Christian, Sikh, Hindu, Muslim, Jewish and Bahá'í communities.
- The SFF eco group has been established to help promote green issues within the community.
- Changes to Solihull's recycling collections will take effect from Monday 26 September - <http://www.solihull.gov.uk/recyclingchanges>

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