INTRODUCTION
The Chandos Road Festival is fast becoming an established annual event to promote Chandos Road and its varied businesses. The 2017 event was the fourth of its kind.
This event is one of many being organised throughout the year in this area to promote a sense of community. The event was scheduled to coincide with the start of the academic year when a number of new student residents have move into the area. It was a fun way to welcome new and returning students to the neighbourhood and to get the community together as a whole. The event was free to attend and was open to all residents of the local area. Members of the public from further afield were also welcome.

The event comprised a number of stalls (e.g. arts, crafts, bric-a-brac), food and drink from an array of Chandos Road restaurants, cafes and bars and two live music stages. There were various activities planned for children and adults alike. Chandos Road was closed for the event. The road closure promoted a festival atmosphere and allowed residents to mill around the various stalls and activities consequentially engage with each other.

We received £250 from the University of Bristol Community Fund to help put on this event.

THE EVENT

In 2017 the planning of this event was a joint effort between the Chandos Traders Association and the Chandos Road Neighbourhood Association. Members of the Chandos Traders Association contributed to the cost of the festival. The Chandos Neighbourhood Association contributed stewards and other voluntary assistance.

The festival was held on Sunday 24th Sep 2017. Planning meetings started on 27th Mar 2017 with volunteers from both associations assigned tasks needed to make the event a success. Regular meetings were held up until the event to ensure that all required tasks on the critical path were completed.

The event was advertised in the following ways:

- Posters and flyers in local area
- Social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Nextdoor)
- Chandos Neighbourhood Association website (www.chandosna.wordpress.com)
OUTCOME

The project worked out very well. The weather was good with no rain. The festival was well attended. Since the event is not ticketed an exact number of attendees cannot be given however it is estimated that approximately 2000 people in total attended during the day. We estimate that at least 100 UoB and UWE students attended.

Feedback was actively collected after the event using a short questionnaire hosted by Surveymonkey.com. The questionnaire was advertised on Nextdoor, the Chandos Neighbourhood Association Facebook and web pages and additionally a link was emailed out the Chandos Neighbourhood Association email list. It was open from Sunday 24 Sep 2017 to Sunday 08 Oct 2017. There were 33 respondents in total. All were 25 aged years or older. 1 student responded to the questionnaire. 94% of respondents thought the festival was “excellent”, “very good” or “good”. Respondents praised the great atmosphere and community spirit generated by the event.

Some quotes from event goers when asked “What did you like about the Chandos Road Festival?”

“The music, the fact that a usually car-full, busy road was full of people enjoying themselves”

“Fabulous live music all afternoon and hilarious pirate puppet man! Good fun”

“Friendly atmosphere, mix of age groups, music”

“Everything! Great food drink music. The atmosphere was beautiful! ❤️”
LOOKING FORWARD
The Chandos Road Festival is a great chance to bring together the disparate community groups in Chandos Road - Traders, students and locals. There is an appetite amongst the community and traders to hold another event next year and this is certainly the plan.

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