

Lord Provost attends the Big Lunch



The staff of the Halifax on Princes Street held a Big Lunch today to encourage a bit of community spirit. No, they did not set the tables out in the middle of Princes Street, but went out to Gorgie City Farm to hold a fun day there.

Photo above shows Karolis Baubles, Natalie Henry, Esther Clark, Lord Provost of the City of Edinburgh the Rt Hon Donald Wilson, Karolin Gniadzik at the Halifax Big Lunch 2015 EDINBURGH. (Photo by Walter Neilson)

A spokesman for the Halifax said: "The Big Lunch, a lottery funded initiative from the Eden Project, is the perfect recipe for having fun with neighbours and helping to build stronger neighbourhoods. It encourages people across the UK to meet up for a few hours of food, friendship and fun. Millions of people across the country have taken part in Big Lunches and given extra in their communities – demonstrating that we're better equipped to tackle the problems we face when we face them together."



ZARIA WYLIE, CLAIRE TAYLOR, HAYLEY HAWTHORN with NATHAN RUSSELL-CALDER, age 3, at the Halifax Big Lunch 2015 EDINBURGH. (Photo by Walter Neilson)

[tweet_box design="default"]The Halifax Edinburgh Big Lunch event included a range of activities for all the community to raise money for Gorgie City Farm and three other local charities.[/tweet_box]

There was a gazebo with free sandwiches and music throughout the day and fun activities including face-painting, tombola,

bouncy castle, a 'beat the goalie' event, egg and spoon races and sack races. The Lord Provost attended the event which was of course held in his council ward.

The Halifax Edinburgh Princes Street Branch got together with Asda, who provided sandwiches.

Esther Clark, Branch Manager at Halifax Princes Street said: "There was lots of fun activities for all the family to raise money for charity. The Big Lunch provides a great opportunity for us to talk to people on a more personal level and really helps strengthen relationships in the community. Thank you to all who attended our Halifax Big Lunch and helped make it a success".

David Nicholson, Group Director, Halifax Community Bank said: "As part of our Helping Britain Prosper Plan we are committed to being the banking group that brings communities closer together, to help them thrive. Halifax branches and colleagues have got involved and organised Big Lunches all around the country."

Halifax is proud to support The Big Lunch and give extra back to communities. To find out more please visit: www.halifaxcommunities.co.uk/thebiglunch