

## FYI COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

# Family fun at Marsh Mill

Families enjoyed a community fun day at Marsh Mill Village in Thornton with music, activities and market stalls.

As the sun shone down, families turned out in their droves for the event, which took place over Easter weekend.

Inferno Entertainments DJs brought music and a visit from the Easter Bunny, while the Friends of Trinity Hospice ran a tombola stall.

Enchanted Events entertained the visitors with Belle, Spider-Man, Elsa and Anna, while Marcella's Kitchen ran an Easter egg hunt.

Local band The Waiting performed and there were also market stalls for shoppers to browse.

And visitors were in for a treat with the miniature trains running.

Linda Adams, from La Shack, was delighted by the number of people who visited.

She said: "It was a great turnout and the sun shone beautifully."

"Marsh Mill is now open for tours every weekend until the end of October."



Marsh Mill fun day



All aboard!



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## Charities bag cash thanks to shoppers

Tesco say every little helps ... and that certainly applied to every single coin-sized blue token posted into Tesco Bags of Help voting machines by shoppers across Fylde coast branches over January and February for three local charities.

N-Vision, the Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre Society for the Blind, was presented with the biggest of the three grants awarded by Simon Court, manager of the Clifton Retail Park Tesco superstore.

They were presented with a cheque for £3,376, while the other beneficiaries were Blackpool Music Academy and Lancashire Citizens Advice.

It was up to big-hearted shoppers to determine just how much each charity got from the three awards available on this regular seven week cycle of £7,000 community support from Tescos across the country.

Bags of Help has now provided N-Vision with a chance to shine by raising enough

money to fund an external low level lighting project for 2,500 clients of the charity and 46 residents of the award winning Princess Alexandra Home at Bosworth Place, Squires Gate, Blackpool.

Work will now be able to start on lighting the path and replacing corroded bollards at the charity's base.

"This will make a big difference to our 2,500 clients and 46 residents who are visually impaired," said Trina Parkinson, N-Vision's finance and administration manager who shaped the project.

"We can't thank Tesco – and the local community – enough."

The second grant of £2,000 went to Blackpool Music Academy community interest concern, founded by John Shaw, and £1,000 for Lancashire Citizens Advice.

Locally, the Clifton Retail Park (Marton) superstore and its trailblazing Blackpool Extra community team, led by community champion Lynn



Tesco Clifton store manager Simon Court, John Shaw from Blackpool Music School, community champion Lynn Sumner with Trina Parkinson and Maria Kirkland from N-Vision, who all benefited from the supermarket giant's Bags of Help campaign

Sumner, backs huge projects in the local community.

"We're delighted to support local organisations," said

store manager Simon Court. "It's part of who and what we are."

To mark Tesco's 100th year,

they have announced two special voting rounds, Tesco Bags of Help Centenary Grants, in summer and winter 2019 with

larger grant amounts available over wider geographic regions.

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