

Clewer: Initiative to help families attend community event

# Free family tickets for Rock the Rec

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A new cost-of-living crisis initiative is helping those who would otherwise not be able to attend a popular community event in Clewer and Dedworth.

Rock the Rec is organised by Clewer and Dedworth Together and is set to take place at Clewer Memorial Recreation Ground (The Pirate Park) on Saturday from noon to 8pm and on Sunday from noon to 7pm.

One of the trustees of the community organisation, Alison Carpenter said the team's costs have risen, and it has 'been more expensive to put on the event'. As a result, the organisation 'reluctantly had to raise' the price of the adult ticket from last year.

Tickets cost £10 per adult, £5 per child aged from three to 16-years-old and under threes will be welcomed for free.

On the gate, tickets will be £12 per adult.

The team is encouraging people to buy tickets online ahead of the event by visiting [www.rocktherec.co.uk](http://www.rocktherec.co.uk)

Tickets are also available for purchase from Woody's café at the park or from the Craft Coop, in Windsor Yards.

Alison said: "[The] cost-of-living crisis is impacting everyone, and the aim of our organisation has always been to improve the lives of people in Clewer and Dedworth.

"It's important that people in our community can attend the event and the ticket price shouldn't be cost prohibitive."

The organisation has been awarded a grant by The Prince Philip Trust Fund and some money has also been donated by businesses in the area such as Abri, Keeler, Annington Homes and Innate Chiropractors.

Using these funds, the team

is working with schools, charities, and organisations in the area to offer family tickets to those who would not be able to attend otherwise.

"We have also been able to offer each child a meal voucher so that they can have a nice day out and something to eat," said Alison.

"We are hoping to give local families a fun day out and all the proceeds from the event will go back into community projects."

A host of acts will be taking to the stage, including local celebrity Kevin Cruise who will be the compere for both days.

Bands from the area, including Euphoria, The Underground, Vale Road Band, Perfect Sky, The Squirts, Oasis-esque, and headliners Soulfools will be performing on Saturday.

On Sunday, headliners Rod's Faces Tribute Band (A Rod Stewart tribute band) will be taking to the stage.

Solo performers at the event, include Omari Johnson-Daley, Emma Jane Kennedy, Robbie Culley (a well-known busker in Peascod Street), Gary Roman (an Elvis tribute), and Grace George.

The event will also feature crafts, a bar and food for attendees to enjoy.

Alison added: "We are super excited to put on this event for the local community and just need as many people as possible to attend."

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Rock the Rec organisers, pictured before last year's event.