

Traditional Christmas spirit alive and well at festive market

The spirit of a traditional Christmas could be seen and felt in the village of Emsworth when a festive market proved a popular destination for shoppers.

Sunday's market attracted an estimated 3,500 visitors with a day packed full of craft stalls, locally-produced food and vibrant entertainment.

Adding to the festive spirit was a Christmas stage, which featured singer songwriter Amba Tremain, local band Urbanvocal and the London-based CK Gospel Choir.

'We're delighted at the response to the first Christmas festival,' said Brendan Gibb-Gray, chairman of the Emsworth Business Association. 'Emsworth offers an incredible location to hold events like this.'

The event featured a number of Emsworth-based businesses as well as local producers and craftsmen.

Peter Hamilton-Black, one of the event's stallholders, said: 'The location was excellent and the guys who did the setting up did their best.'

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