



## **Pudsey arrives in Testvale!**

Looking ahead to our Children in Need event in November, Testvale Squares were lucky enough to invite Pudsey Bear down for the weekend of 25/26 September for a bit of promotion and to raise as much money as we could in a short time. He came along to our Club Dance on Friday evening for a photo opportunity.

On Saturday, with a small army of volunteers to assist Pudsey and keep him steady on his very large feet, we invited local families to have their photos taken with the lovely Bear, with donations going towards our future event and Children in Need. We were blessed with a beautiful day, not too hot but very sunny, and with plenty of people in and around the Community Centre and shopping precinct in Totton.

Pudsey made a lot of 'high fives' and plenty of friends, both young and old, all wanting a photo with the Bear. We had to keep Pudsey from going into the local chip shop, he was pretty determined! Surprisingly in our mostly cashless society there were a lot of notes and coins going into the collection buckets, with some people also donating via our JustGiving page.

Light refreshments including Pudsey logo'd cakes were available, along with colouring sheets for the children. After a very successful few hours we'd raised £200, Pudsey was very pleased. He's now returned home and we look forward to seeing him on the TV at the big BBC Children in Need event on 14<sup>th</sup> November.



*Pudsey at Testvale Squares Friday Club Dance*



*Pudsey with Carol Gerry of Testvale Squares*

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