

Ferring PHAB Fest celebrates inclusion, community and 40 years of Ferring Country Centre



Hundreds of people came together at Ferring Country Centre for PHAB Fest, a fully inclusive festival celebrating people with learning disabilities, bringing the community together and marking the charity's 40th anniversary.

Created as an event for everyone, and in collaboration with PHAB Worthing, the festival music, entertainment, activities, food and family fun in an inclusive and welcoming environment.

The festival celebrated the people at the heart of Ferring Country Centre and the belief that everyone should have opportunities to participate, have fun, be seen and feel part of their community.

The event featured a packed programme of entertainment, including Lizzie Webb with Dancercise, Tom's Musical Mayhem, Iron Tyger, Line Dancing with Lucy & Big Eyed Ears, Hayley Marie as Dolly Parton, Kit Bradshaw and The Juice.

Throughout the afternoon, Ferring Country Centre's Day Service customers enjoyed the festival alongside their families and friends, staff, volunteers, supporters and members of the wider community – creating a celebration where everyone could take part together.



Ferring Country Centre supports more than 130 adults with learning disabilities each week through its Day Service, providing meaningful opportunities to develop skills, build confidence, form friendships and play an active role within the community.

Ferring PHAB Fest also marked a particularly special year for the charity as Ferring Country Centre celebrates its 40th anniversary in 2026. For four decades, the Centre has worked to create opportunities for people with learning disabilities while building connections with the wider community.

A huge community effort

PHAB Fest would not have been possible without the extraordinary support of so many people, businesses and organisations.

Ferring Country Centre would like to say a huge thank you to all of the performers and entertainers who shared their time and talent; the suppliers who helped bring the festival to life; and every business and individual who generously donated products, services, prizes, equipment or support.



A special thank you also goes to the Centre's staff and volunteers, who put an enormous amount of work into making the event possible, both in the build-up and throughout the day.

And, most importantly, thank you to everyone who came along. Every ticket purchased and every person who joined the celebration helped create the welcoming, joyful and inclusive atmosphere that Ferring PHAB Fest was designed to achieve.

The festival embodied Ferring Country Centre's 40th anniversary theme, 'One Thing – Give, Share, Grow' – demonstrating what can happen when people give their time, share their skills and come together as one community.

Funds raised through the festival will help Ferring Country Centre continue its charitable work supporting adults with learning disabilities and creating opportunities for people to learn, develop, connect and thrive.

PHAB Fest was a celebration of 40 years of Ferring Country Centre – but, above all, it was a celebration of inclusion, people with learning disabilities and a community where everyone belongs.