

## Basins event encourages greater involvement

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A special event at the Basins yesterday (Saturday) provided our community with an insight into different aspects of the popular beauty spot.

The Wellington Basins Volunteer Group's Open Day offered free refreshments served by volunteers, a sale of bric-a-brac and a display of photographs taken of the Basins through the seasons by members of Wellington Camera Club.

The volunteer group's secretary, Sue Adams said, "About 50 people attended and the sale of bric-a-brac and donations raised over £100 – which was excellent! The money will be used by the volunteers for the ongoing upkeep of the area."

Wellington Pétanque Club, which is based adjacent to the Basins, played an extra session in support of the Open Day.

The club are keen to promote the sport in the local area and reported that a number of people had joined members to try the game.

The club's Patricia Fleming said: "Pétanque (or boules) is a fun, friendly, addictive game which can be played by all ages and abilities together.

"It looks deceptively simple and with a quick introduction you can be playing. But it takes practice to throw steel boules, weighing around 700 grams, accurately between six and ten metres while standing in a small circle.

"We have around 50 members, play on two afternoons a week and would very much welcome new members to join us on Thursdays.

"Membership also includes social membership of Wellington Bowling Club which hosts a full programme of events.

"If you would like to come along to try the game, please contact us via our website – [wellingtonpetanque.club](http://wellingtonpetanque.club) – so that we have boules available for you to borrow and ensure that you have an enjoyable experience."



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