

# Newhaven Playday 2009

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Wednesday 5 August  
2009, Fort Road  
recreation ground  
Newhaven... the  
greatest day ever!

It was Playday 2009 and all over England children and adults were playing, whether it was an organised event or just with their friends down the park. I was lucky enough to participate at the event as a youth volunteer at N.I.P.P.E.R.S. in Newhaven where I witnessed children, adults and families having fun and enjoying themselves!

There were lots of different stalls and activities for everyone; bouncy castles, splat the cat, arts and crafts, clay modelling, cakes, penalty shootouts, tread mills, car simulators even Brewster bear came down to see everyone! But the most exciting and I guess I should say outrageous thing of the day was borrowing an inflatable 20 man lifeboat and getting the local fireman to bring down their engines and fill it up with foam! As you can imagine, as soon as everyone caught a glimpse of it, it was very quickly filled with people ranging in age from 2 to 42 - were they pushed or did they fall?!

I would also like to thank all the companies and organizers who volunteered out of their own time to help make this day a success, it paid off as no one went home without a smile on their face and a story to tell their friends and family. I'm already looking forward to next year as I expect it can only get bigger and better!

P.S. I think everyday should be play day!



Newhaven residents have fun with foam on Playday.