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The Savoy Jazz Band with residents and guests at John Willis House, Rock Ferry (L-R back row: Peter Swensson, Olive Doherty, Brian Legan, Edna Clements, Malcolm Horne; L-R front: Gloria Brightmore, Marie Ashcroft and Sheila Young).

A splendid afternoon of jazz music and cream teas for John Willis House residents and neighbours

John Willis House sheltered housing scheme in Rock Ferry, Birkenhead, invited residents from neighbouring streets to a very traditional strawberry cream tea on Wednesday 26 May to celebrate European Neighbours Day together.

Staff from Cosmopolitan Housing Association who own and manage the scheme for over 55's, organised a marquee and jazz trio 'The Savoy Jazz Band' for everyone to enjoy and served up strawberry cream teas in the garden.

Residents from Cosmopolitan's other sheltered schemes on the Wirral, Vincent Naughton Court and Rose Court also came along to celebrate the day.

Alan Donnelly, Regeneration Officer, Cosmopolitan Housing, said:” This has been a great opportunity for residents to invite family, friends and neighbours along to spend time together and enjoy the lovely gardens here at John Willis House. The cream teas and the jazz band have been a huge hit with everyone today.”

The event was funded by Cosmopolitan Housing Association and formed part of the European Neighbours Day celebrations that take place throughout Europe on the last Tuesday of May each year. The aim of the event is to bring neighbourhoods together and promote community cohesion.

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Notes to Editors

Cosmopolitan H.A. is a housing association that provides over 2,000 social housing properties across the North West of England. It is a progressive and dynamic organisation with a clear vision for the future which sees it as ‘an increasingly well respected and growing housing association with a reputation for delivering quality and excellence to a diverse range of service users’.