Cancellation of Maidstone Community Mela 2025

Cohesion Plus regrets to announce that, with great reluctance, the Maidstone Community Mela, which was due to take place on Sunday 14th September in Mote Park, has been cancelled.

This very difficult decision has been made following careful consideration of the adverse weather conditions predicted for Sunday, including high winds. Unfortunately, it was concluded that it would not be feasible or safe to deliver the event under these circumstances.

The Maidstone Community Mela has been a fixture in the borough since 2003, bringing communities together to celebrate the rich diversity of Maidstone through music, food and dance. For more than two decades, it has provided an opportunity for residents and visitors alike to enjoy vibrant cultural performances and to come together in a spirit of unity.

Gurvinder Sandher MBE DL, Artistic Director of Cohesion Plus, said:

"This is one of the hardest decisions we have had to make. The Mela is an event that means so much to so many, and we know how eagerly it is anticipated each year. However, given the weather forecast and the risks posed by the high winds, it would not have been safe or practical to proceed. We share the disappointment of everyone who was looking forward to the Mela, but the safety of audiences, performers, traders and staff must always come first. We remain committed to celebrating Maidstone’s diversity and look forward to returning with future events.”

Cohesion Plus wishes to thank all partners, artists, traders, volunteers and community groups who had planned to take part this year, as well as the public for their continued support.