

# EDEN NEWS

## Cheshire's Golden Challenge



*Eden Springs were very proud to be the main sponsor of a North West Regional Celebration to mark the 50th Anniversary of the Duke Of Edinburgh's Award scheme.*

The sun blazed down all weekend (9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> June) as 47 teams of young people aged 13 -25 from across the North West converged on Tatton Park for a week-end of competition and fun through Sport. Tents were pitched at Egerton Youth Club and the teams made their way into Tatton for an evening "It's a Knock Out" event followed by an amazing Fireworks Display that burst into colour and animation over Tatton Park.

The following morning found all the teams assembled at Tatton again for Dragon Boat racing. The Chairman of Cheshire County Council, Cllr Neville Price opened the event by "dotting the eyes of the dragon head", a symbolic ritual that awakens the dragons for racing. This, accompanied by a vocal countdown from the community



supporting the event and an abundance of Chinese Firecrackers set an enthusiastic, supportive and exciting start to the day's event. Each team comprised of 10 paddlers, one drummer and one helm, competing 4 teams at a time – with one set of boats being loaded as the other was racing meant nearly 100 young people on the water at any one time.

The event culminated in a presentation of awards for all young people taking part. These were presented by Joan Feenan, Director of Children's Services. Everyone made their way home, contented, sun blessed and refreshed - **courtesy of Eden Springs**. This event has been a fantastic example of community spirit and determination, celebrating together, the positive achievements of those taking part. This highlights how important and rewarding it is that young people should be a part of their community not apart from it.



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