

Fun and fundraising in Templepatrick

OVER 70 children and youth leaders from the Old Presbyterian Church Templepatrick, St Patrick's Church of Ireland and Templepatrick Presbyterian Church gathered at Castle Upton last week for a fun evening, BBQ and charity fundraising event.

The children present took advantage of the excellent weather to indulge in outdoor activities ranging from trampolining to football. Other popular activities included playing rounders, tug of war and 'throw a sponge at the Minister'.

Commenting on the evening, Rev. Dr Scott Peddie, Minister of the Old Presbyterian Church, said: "We are so grateful to Danny and Anna Kinahan for allowing the youth groups of our three churches to come together, have fun and raise money for a very worthwhile cause."

"Having previously supported a range of local and national charities such as the Simon Community, Home Start Antrim and Comic Relief, our youth group felt that it was important to do something for an international charity."

"Our neighbouring churches were keen to support this and so the charity 'Aquaculture without Frontiers' (AwF) was chosen. AwF was established in 2004 for the specific purpose of promoting and supporting responsible and sustainable aquaculture to assist in poverty alleviation through improving rural livelihoods in developing and transition countries."

Explaining the value that this charity brings to the recipients of its expertise and financial assistance, Dr Peddie added: "As a Director and Trustee of AwF, I have seen first-hand the benefits that even small amounts of money can have on the lives of



Some of the children and youth leaders gather outside Castle Upton.

people living in impoverished communities around the developing world."

Rev. Jennifer Bell, Rector of St. Patrick's, added: "it is fantastic that our churches can get together to run an event like this for our young people and also to help others by raising money for charity. It is my hope that we will be able to work together like this in the future."

Councillor Danny Kinahan of Castle Upton said of the event: "I was extremely pleased to be able to help the three churches and seeing so many children enjoying themselves for such a great cause was doubly rewarding."



Rev. Richard Kerr helps the winning tug-of-war team.