

Held at Dunstaffnage, close to Dunbeg, some villagers took advantage of its proximity to attend while youngsters helped organisers Stonefield Events to both set up the festival and clear away on the Sunday.

Liz Mullen, one of the organisers, told *Lorn Life*: 'I can't say enough about the kids from Dunbeg because they were fantastic. Early on Sunday morning I had two turn up from the houses and ask, 'have you got any jobs for us?'. I packed them off round the site with bin bags and litter pickers. We fed them and gave them some juice and they were happy with that as payment and they helped us take down everything. They helped to make it a festival atmosphere.'

She said she was a little sad that more people from Oban and Dunbeg did not come along but said that those that did had enjoyed themselves.



Billy-the-barber was busy all weekend with his creative haircuts and colourings which could be seen sported all over the festival grounds. t31dmf06



Pigtown Fling on the second stage played their folk music from around the world on Staturday afternoon as the sun split the skies. t31dmf29

Andrew Pike, with whose parties the whole festival idea began, said he hoped that word would spread but it was to be expected that the first year of a festival was not particularly busy.

Another of the organising team Matt Thomas said: 'The atmosphere was truly amazing and the whole event had a really happy vibe. The organisers received lots of compliments over the two days.

'We got a great pat on the back from the manager of the Alex Harvey band who said ours was the best organised festival he'd been to for years.'

As with other musical festivals around the country, the organisers have already started looking ahead to next year's line-up and hope that this time the people will come too.

Organisers thanked all those who helped out over the weekend, from volunteers manning stalls to the professionals providing security, lighting, sound and production to the police, Argyll and Bute Council, Argyll and the Islands Enterprise and local businesses for their backing.