

Fairtrade at Abergavenny Food Festival 2017

For well over an hour the Abergavenny Food Festival was full of the joyful energy of schoolchildren, their teachers, parents, Fairtrade and 'Love Zimbabwe' supporters.

The procession of schoolchildren was led by 'Love Zimbabwe's' Martha Holman, drumming and in full African costume. The children from Llantilio Pertholey and our Lady and St Michael's schools also wore African outfits and had their faces painted with Fairtrade logos.

The procession followed a circuit from outside the Methodist Chapel on Castle Street to Abergavenny Castle, where the children sang to an audience, on to a champagne reception at the Angel Hotel then into the heart of the Food Festival, where there was more singing in the Market Hall, and finally back along Neville Street to the Chapel.

This was a happy, successful occasion with stirring, evocative songs, music, festive songs and lots of excitement. Donations were collected and both Love Zimbabwe and Fairtrade were brought to the attention of visitors from all parts of the country.

Many thanks to all involved.

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