VILLAGERS after over 60 were treated to a cream tea in Creech St Michael Park.

Around 100 guests joined in the free event, while takeaway boxes were delivered to people who could not travel. The afternoon was put on by the Party in the Park committee using profits from the pre-Covid After Dark day time fun and evening music festival. The committee has previously run free fish and chip lunches in the winter and also organises an annual clean-up day.

It has also donated trees and benches to the local school and church and bought park equipment. Ambassadors from the village school served the cream teas, while the baptist church loaned crockery.Leftovers were packaged up for guests to take home, while pots of clotted cream were donated to the new West Monkton Community Larder.

Guest Beryl Brown said: "Thank you for the lovely cream tea enjoyed this afternoon, the drop of rain didn't spoil anything." Thank you to too all the workers and schoolchildren that helped." Fellow guest Sharon Stott-Coombs said: "Thank you all so much for a lovely afternoon, we really appreciated it, the children were all so friendly and polite, a credit to the school, they did a great job."

A spokesperson for the organising committee said: "We are delighted to be able to give back to the community once again.

"After such a long break due to Covid, we are looking forward to offering more small-scale events such as the cream tea and would welcome ideas from local residents."

