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Annual Bonfire and Firework display

A VISUAL feast was on offer for East Grinstead on Saturday evening at the town's bonfire night.

More than 2,500 people from the town and surrounding areas turned up for the town's football club at East Court to enjoy the giant bonfire and fireworks display.

Organised by volunteers from [East Grinstead Football Club](#), and sponsored by Waitrose, money raised from the event will go towards the upkeep of the football club.

In addition, East Grinstead Lions Club was raising money for its funds.

Chairman and treasurer of the football club, Richard Tramontin, said: "We started this fireworks event a few years ago and it has really taken off from there.

"We have the support of local businesses, the town council, the fire brigade and we always insist on an ambulance being present - thank god once again there were no injuries. It was a great spectacle and everyone who came seemed to enjoy it. We try to give value for money and that's why we kept the price the same this year."

Mr Tramontin said the organisers try to get better each year and to make it an East Grinstead event, hence the mayor's involvement and the local businesses." He said: "We are a regular community amateur sports club and the community is very much part of our ethos. A lot of hard work has gone into putting this event on and I am delighted with the way it went."

"Somebody up there must like us. I expected it to be wet and it did rain in the afternoon but by the time of the display, the weather was fine."

Town Mayor Cllr Bernard Gillbard addressed the huge crowd. Afterwards he said: "I was very pleased to be involved with an organisation run by volunteers who provide a major event for the town and which, I thought, offered extremely good value for money.

"The bonfire night and fireworks display is one of the biggest events which is held in the town, certainly in terms of numbers of people. That's why the town has to be grateful to the football club volunteers. In addition, I must mention the support the club receives from local businesses, 70 in total, which is very impressive." He said it was an excellent night.

With acknowledgements to the 'The East Grinstead Courier'.