

A trip back in time to yesteryear

■ Crowds braved the rain for the annual Victorian festival

CHRISTMAS spirit was in the air when the annual Lymm Dickensian Festival returned to the village on Saturday.

Crowds went back in time at the Victorian celebration which is held in the centre of the village.

Families braved the wind and rain to watch the parade through the village - but the weather failed to dampen their spirits.

The Santa Dash by Lymm Runners marked the start of the event,

followed by the procession.

The historic festival has taken place for more than a quarter of a century in Lymm.

It is held on the second Saturday in December and is organised by Lymm Dickensian Charity Committee. Every year the Lymm community comes together with the support of the Lymm Parish Council to take the village back in time to a different era to when the author Charles Dickens was alive.



Youngsters donned their finest Victorian attire for the parade



Paul Middlehurst with his son Robin



Pupils from Oughtrington Primary School



All smiles during the parade



Mary Clarke, Nova Evans and Barbara White



Children dressed in their nativity costumes



Members of the community braved the rain for the parade



Ready, set, race in the Santa Dash



Thelwall Morris Men



India Rose Hooley, aged 10