

The Nelson Mail - October 1997

About 300 enjoy party in the street

Up to 300 people partied in a Nelson street yesterday to mark the first birthday of Nelson firm Creative Occasions.

The Halloween-theme party at Alton St, which is to become an annual event, included a children's fancy dress competition fire engine and surrey rides, face painting, music and a clown.

Sarah Kerby, of Nelson, dressed as witch to win the fancy dress competition.

Her mother Carrie said all the materials for the costume had been lying around the house.

Sarah got into character by not brushing her teeth before the party.

Creative Occasions co-owner Kevin Johnston said the children had put a lot of effort into their fancy dress costumes.

He said the party was aimed at thanking local people for their support and to put something back into the community.

Creative Occasions stocks party supplies, as well as organising and decorating events such as weddings.

Mr Johnston said he and his wife Glenys started the business because many people found themselves too busy to organise their own events.