Flashmob on song to help youth project

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A tuneful crowd of more than 600 people brought Holt High Street to a standstill at the weekend. Students and staff from Gresham’s school were joined by people who work, live, study or play in the town in a singing flashmob.

They sang classic Beatles hits Hey Jude and With a Little Help From My Friends and Imagine by John Lennon. Holt High Street was closed during the performances, which were between 8am and 9am on Saturday. The sing-a-long, next to Holt war memorial, raised £500 for Holt Youth Project, which helps young people to fulfil their potential.

Tom Appleton, music outreach director at Gresham’s, who organised the event, said: “To my knowledge nothing like this has ever happened before in Holt. We billed it as the biggest choir Holt has ever seen or heard.

“I thought this would be a good way of bringing our community together and it was really fantastic. There was a brilliant turnout and people of all ages and from all walks of life taking part.”

Mr Appleton is a professional singer who tours with the Monteverdi Choir and is a former pupil of Gresham’s. He rejoined the school in September.

He added: “We’ve all raised a fantastic amount of money for Holt Youth Project and they are delighted. ‘I’d love to now be able to do this every year to raise money for the project.”

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Tom Appleton leads the big sing-a-long in Holt to raise money for Holt Youth Project.

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