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**ON SONG:** Jacky Lockley, Nic Burdett and Vic Simpson perform Young No More at the festival

## Folk flock to first festival of music

**A NEW** music festival has been hailed a resounding success by organisers.

The first Moira Furnace Folk Festival attracted more than a thousand people to the National Forest, on the banks of the Ashby Canal.

The three-day event at the weekend featured some well known acts, as well as local and national up-and-coming artists.

Events were held at the green

site of Moira Furnace, off Furnace Lane, and the Miners' Welfare, in Bath Lane.

Sing-songs and workshops were also held in local pubs.

There was an open-air concert in the natural amphitheatre of the Furnace, Morris Dancing, Civil War re-enactments, stalls, tractor rides and boat rides on the Ashby Canal.

Children's Entertainment included a Punch and Judy show.

The event was the brainchild of Dave Johns and members of The Scrag End Folk Club, who meet every Sunday at The Shoulder of Mutton Inn, Oakthorpe.

Debbie Warren, chairman of the organising committee, said: "It was absolutely brilliant. The feedback from visitors has been fantastic and we have already begun organising next year's festival."