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HUNDREDS of musicians plucked their way into the history books at the weekend by smashing a world record with ukuleles.

Strummers gathered at Bishopsgate to break the Guinness World Record for the most people playing the ukulele at once.

Thousands filled Devonshire Square on Saturday and 851 strummed and sang their way into the record books with a recitation of the Beach Boys' classic Sloop John B.

Everyone who took part will receive a certificate from the Guinness Book of Records. Almost £5,000 was raised for Tower Hamlets Summer University and

Hidden tension

● Leaked report reveals secret divisions in heart of East End

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A DAMNING report revealing underlying tensions within the East End community emerged this week, raising questions over the Town Hall's recent four-star status award.

The findings of a Government survey, the first to be carried out in Tower Hamlets, have surfaced through a leaked report the *East London Advertiser* has seen. It paints a bleak picture of how residents see their borough – and each other.

Despite recent claims that Tower Hamlets council is one of the 10

best-performing councils in the country, the Place Survey carried out by the Communities and Local Government (CLG) ministry, identifies the borough as one of the worst performing in the capital.

Questions put by the CLG to 1,500 residents in the borough by post last October to December, revealed that:

- More than one in three residents believe people of different backgrounds are not getting on well.

- More than half of those asked feel they do not belong in their neighbourhood, giving Tower Hamlets the worst score

in London.

As the figures emerged this week, Town Hall bosses who saw the figures two months ago were accused of keeping the results under wraps.

Tower Hamlets Tory leader Peter Golds said: "These figures show the concerns of our residents, concerns that my colleagues and I hear regularly. They go against the view promoted by *East End Life* and the expensive banners which hang from lampposts, and therefore they are suppressed."



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● Town Hall slams findings that threaten integration plans

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