



# TEPEE Teignbridge Play Network

## Summer Report 2009

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### Play in the Park Project

#### Kingsteignton – *Scrappy Daze* art and craft workshop – 11.07.09

Sally Fisher and Theo Tanser led this fun and creative workshop, which ran alongside the garden fete at Rydon Community Centre. They provided a variety of materials including paints, card, glue, willow, wool and various resources for junk modelling. The workshop, which took place inside the centre due to the rain was enjoyed by a total of 20 children aged between 1 and 11 years of age and adults in double figures. Both children and adults alike enjoyed being imaginative and creative making anything from dream catchers, masks and paintings to a picture frame and a model of a cake.



#### Evaluations:

Children's comments about how the session made them feel were: happy, confident and impressed.

Their 'best bits' included: working out what to make; choosing bits; dream catcher; butterfly mask; the shiny paper; playing with a new friend; painting and rolling. A parent suggested that aprons should have been provided to protect clothing.

#### Dawlish – *Scrappy Daze* art and craft workshop – 23.07.09



Two workshops were provided on this sunny afternoon combining both the Play in the Park and Teign Housing projects. Sally Fisher and Sharona Parker led the *Scrappy Daze* arts and crafts workshop offering a wide variety of resources including paints, willow, paper, card, feathers and junk modelling materials. 14 children came out to play between the ages of 3 and 17 years accompanied by 2 adults. The children were very imaginative painting with sponges, rollers and their hands

and feet. The fun didn't stop there, they also created model boats, dream catchers and head dresses.



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Nik Sinclair (Funky Junk) worked with the children to complete a sculpture of a heart-shaped house which will be displayed in the reception area of the Teign Housing offices. There was great co-operation as several children worked together using moss, mod roc, glass, stones, driftwood and paint to create a garden and decorate the house. Some children also enjoyed using a hammer and nails to make miniature fences. Refreshments were provided for the children by Carol Payne from Dawlish Parish Council.



### **Evaluations:**

Children's commented that the session made them feel happy and proud.

Their 'best bits' were: painting, using mosaics, fence building, decorating the tree and putting on stones.

### **Lustleigh – *Storytelling* workshop led by Michelle Lane – 25.07.09**

Lustleigh orchard provided a magical scene for Michelle Lane's storytelling workshop on this glorious sunny afternoon. 14 children joined us aged between 1 and 9 years accompanied by several adults. They began by using natural paints made from clay and beetroot to paint on card and nearby boulders. Both children and adults went on to create their own tree spirits made from oak leaves and other natural materials, before becoming completely absorbed in Michelle's story. The story included a treasure hunt to search for clues and special objects and a sleeping wizard who must not be disturbed. The children were given the opportunity to create a clay face on the oak tree before breaking the spell and collecting a Labyrinth each. Parish Councillor Sara Sullivan who was there as a parent provided much needed refreshments for all.



### **Evaluations:**

Children's commented that the session made them feel happy and that it was fun.

Their 'best bits' included: clay faces, the story, the treasure hunt and making a necklace.

Their 'worst bits' were getting dirty hands and seeing the wizard.





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**Dawlish – Den Building workshop led by Cat Rance with 2 Sharpham Trust volunteers – 29.07.09**

4 or 5 children braved the heavy rain to build a tepee outside whilst the rest enjoyed creating dens out of cardboard boxes and large tubes inside Tinky's pre-school. 24 children came out to play aged between 1 and 10 years accompanied by adults in double figures. The children and adults enjoyed getting messy painting their dens and creating flags out of fabric. Carol Payne from Dawlish Parish Council provided refreshments for the children.

### **Evaluations:**

Children's comments about how the session made them feel were: had great fun, happy and excited, loved it, messy.

Their 'best bits' were: making flags and dens, getting paint everywhere, making a tepee, being messy, building, playing with tape.

Their 'worst bit' was the rain preventing them from den building outside.



**Ipplepen – Scrappy Daze workshop led by Sally Fisher & Michelle Lane - 12.08.09**

This workshop was very well received by all; the activity offers something for everyone with a great variety of materials to inspire. 21 children from age 2 to 11 came and a good number of adults. They made a whole host of things from parachutes to parrots to pom-poms!

Comments from some about under publicity and refreshments were late arriving and no biscuits. The hall was also in use so wouldn't have been available as bad weather alternative. Some adults had difficulty working at ground level – suggested we take table and chairs next time.

### **Evaluations:**

Pom-poms were very popular and a great novelty to most who made them, but making their individual items was the 'best bit' for all the children.

They described the session as 'enjoyable', 'fun' and one adult thought it 'therapeutic'. making them feel – 'happy', 'good' and 'proud'.





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### **Liverton – mosaic making & games workshop, leaders Shelley Wilcox and Robin Brown – 12 & 19.8.09**

A disappointingly low turn out – just 5 children came to the Little Meadow play park, despite the parish council asking the school to help publicise. However, those that came enjoyed making drawings and helping design the mosaic sign, which the parish council want to display at the entrance to the park.

The theme was the flora and fauna of the area so the children, aged between 9 and 11, had a lot of ideas and became quite engrossed in their pictures, which included a wonderful selection of animals, minibeasts flowers and some fantastic apple trees! Each child also made their own individual mosaic tile to take home with them. They enjoyed stretching their legs too, and had a group game of rounders among other games from the equipment Robin supplied.



The second week was better attended, with 13 children between 2 and 11 years helping to mosaic the beautiful design Shelley had made, using the drawings made by the children and adults the previous week. Robin also took along some cardboard, tape & string and paint for denbuilding which some children found very exciting. Others had a great time using the large open green space provided by the playing field for football, cricket and cycling; and some very well received refreshments supplied by the parish council. The mosaic sign was almost completely covered at the end of the session, thanks to the help of the parents, and once Shelley has made the finishing touches will arrange with the parish council where to put the sign.

### **Evaluations:**

Of the children that fed back, all said they felt 'happy', 'ok' or 'fine'; and some of their best bits included mosaicing, denbuilding, and getting messy!

### **Exminster – Scrappy Daze art and craft workshop – 18.08.09**



Michelle Lane and Sally Fisher provided their ever popular Scrappy Daze arts and crafts workshop for a total of 59 children aged between 2 and 13 years. The children were accompanied by adults well into double figures who also participated in the session helping with their creations.





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There was no shortage of imagination during this lively and bustling workshop. The children made pom poms, dream catchers, paintings, badges, sling shots, bows and arrows, willow dragonflies, kites and much much more. Refreshments were provided by Leonie Welch from Exminster Parish Council.

#### Evaluations:

Children's comments about how the session made them feel included: excited, happy, normal, pleased with myself, very interested, joyful.

Their 'best bits' included: everything, kites, badge making, painting, making new things (bracelets) and dream catchers.

One child mentioned that he didn't like the loose grass and another said that there were too many people.

#### Abbotskerswell – *Den Building* with Sally Fisher and Sharona Parker – 20.08.09

Sally and Sharona provided cardboard, netting, fabric, pegs, tarpaulins, hoops, canes, poles, paint and more to inspire den building on this bright but blustery day. 25 children took part aged 1 to 12 years accompanied by adults in double figures. Both children and adults alike enjoyed working together in groups to build dens of all shapes and sizes.



As the session progressed the children added more sections to their dens and personalised them with paintings and signs. One child decided that he would like to make something a bit different so he created a bandstand (photo). Refreshments were provided for the children by Dave McNee from Abbotskerswell Parish Council.

#### Evaluations:

Children's comments about how the session made them feel were: good, happy and proud.

Their 'best bits' included: making the flag, demolishing it, den building, painting and finishing it.



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Exminster – *Den Building* with Adele Rennells and Shona Buchan-

24.08.09



The play equipment and trees provided inspiration and a great starting point for the children to build their dens around. 23 children came out to play, from 3 to 10 years of age accompanied by several adults.

They worked together in groups to produce many different dens made from fabric, tarpaulins, netting, pegs, canes and cardboard.

There was some healthy competition between two dens (girls and boys) which inspired some painting and sign making and some of the younger children spent most of the session painting their entire cardboard den. Leonie Welch from Exminster Parish Council provided refreshments for the children.

### Evaluations:

Children's comments about how the session made them feel included: really happy, wonderful, great and excited.

Their 'best bits' were: building a den, everything, using the new environmental play structure to make a den, lying down in the den and designing signs, working together and painting.

### Abbotskerswell – Mini Beasts workshop led by Nik Sinclair – 27.08.09

Nik Sinclair provided the children with bug catching pots and they set out exploring the field and hunting for 'mini beasts'. Once all of the pots had been used Nik gathered the children together to investigate what they had collected. Between them the 28 children, aged between 1 and 13 years managed to collect a dragonfly, wasps, bees, beetles, slugs, flies, ants, spiders and grasshoppers. Having studied their chosen mini beast the children set to work creating models of them out of natural materials, such as pine cones, leaves, and clay. At the end of the session they enjoyed releasing their bugs back where they found them. Dave McNee from Abbotskerswell Parish Council provided refreshments for the children.

### Evaluations:

Children's comments about how the session made them feel were: happy, exhilarated, aware of the world around me, good and good that I tried something different.





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Their 'best bits' included: making model bugs, looking at spiders in the hedge, making my bee, insects, catching the insects and meeting friends.

Their 'worst bits' were: the dragonfly – it was scary, being stung by a nettle and poked by a bramble and loosing bugs.

