



# TEPEE Teignbridge Play Network

## Report Easter 2009

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### Play in the Park Project

#### Abbotskerswell – *Scrappy Daze* art and craft workshop – 6.4.09

Although the weather was too wet for us to be in the park, rain didn't stop play as we had the village hall booked, in anticipation of the great British weather!. We provided the ever popular *Scrappy Daze* art & craft workshops, led by Michelle Lane and Sally Fisher. Children from 4-14years had no shortage of imagination - making anything from 3D pictures to masks to swords, and many parents and grandparents also joining in the fun – especially the weaving.

A total of 40 children attended the workshop, and adults in double figures. Dave McNee from Abbotskerswell Parish Council provided refreshments for all.



#### Evaluations:

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

Their 'best bits' featured: making things with willow; gluing/sticking/making; lots of stuff to choose from; pom-pom; twig crown; bow & arrow; weaving ribbons; painting; making monsters.

#### Chudleigh – Storytelling workshop with Michelle Lane & Sally Fisher– 8.4.09

Michelle and Sally enchanted children aged from 4-8 years in a storytelling workshop in Chudleigh, which involved going on a hunt to find and solve clues as well as making and decorating crowns, dreamcatchers and tree spirits - all using natural materials! The session was held in Culver Green park with bright and breezy conditions (so needed to hold on tight to paper!) 35 children and 15 parents/carers came. Cllr Steph Martin and husband Adrian of the Parks team were there as parents but also to provide refreshments.



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### Evaluations:

Children's comments about how the session made them feel were: very happy; really good; happy; excited.

Their 'best bits' featured: stories & willowcraft; treasure hunt; sword making; making head-dresses. Worst bits – listening to story; bit cold; needed toilet; not having 1yr old contained.



### Chudleigh — *Scrappy Daze* art and craft workshop – 9.4.09

This workshop was for children 4-11 years; the town has a lot of children so it was planned to split the age groups to make the workshops more appropriate and manageable in numbers. 44 children and adults in double figures attended the workshop which was held in the town hall due to weather.

The hall was full and noisy but everyone enjoyed making something; including dreamcatchers, pom-poms, swords, bows & arrows, and junk models.

### Evaluations:

Children's comments about how the session made them feel were: very happy; happy; great; good; cautious.

Their 'best bits' featured: pom-poms; making mask; swords; painting; bows & arrows; willow craft; messy bits; getting to meet the people.

### Lustleigh — Native American Indian workshop: led by Sally Fisher & Michelle Lane – 11.4.09

This Native American Indian workshop was held in Lustleigh Orchard, as part of the villages Big Green Fun Day. The children enjoyed making tipis, costumes and bows and arrows. 17 children attended plus parents/carers.

### Evaluations:

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

Their 'best bits' featured: everything; hide & seek; dreamcatcher; bows & arrows; park.



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### **Chudleigh —Woodcraft workshop: led by Phil Summerscale – 15.4.09**

Our third session in Chudleigh, woodcraft, was by Phil Summerscale. Weather was gloomy but stayed dry apart from a few spits at the beginning – until 4pm, at the end of the workshop, when it poured down! Unfortunately only 6 children/young people attended, but those that did benefited from having a lot of input from the workshop leader. They each had a go at making a stool, using wood-turner and shaving horse for the legs and engraved their initials on the seat to finish.

### **Evaluations:**

Participants comments about the session were a consensus about it being fun but hardwork, with a great sense of achievement.



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