



# TEPEE Teignbridge Play Network

## Play in the Park project: report summer 2008

### Kenton – Native American Indians: dens, art & craft – 04.08.08

Our first workshop of the summer holiday was in Kenton. It was our third session in this village, and so far they had enjoyed recycled art & craft and den building. The children had chosen more den building for this workshop so we suggested a Native American Indian theme, led by Theo and Adele with Sally facilitating. We took a whole range of materials for making and decorating tipis, costumes, head-dresses, plus willow accessories and face paints!

The attendance was slow to begin with but eventually totalled **48 children** and almost half that amount again of adults! Everyone joined in and had a fantastic time, although the high numbers meant materials were thin on the ground for the late arrivals!



Kenton Parish Council organiser, Pik Rawlings, sent us an email the next day thanking TEPEE for another successful workshop and asking how much a freewheeling workshop would cost, with a view to fundraising to have more TEPEE sessions in the future.

#### Evaluations:

Face (and body!) painting was one of the most popular activities, plus decorating tipis and 'making things'.

### Starcross – Art & craft activities – 11.08.08

Unfortunately our second Play in the Park session at Starcross had to be held indoors again, due to wet weather, so the chosen den building workshop was postponed and replaced by willow art & craft, hat & costume making and face-painting. Adele and Nik Sinclair led the workshop while Theo inducted Bev Jackson as one of our new facilitators.





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The British Legion social club was the venue as the primary school hall was being cleaned, and the space was limited, with **34 children** and 10 to 12 parents! But cooperation worked well and everyone was happy making their own creations – from hats, to bats, to bows and arrows!

### Evaluations:

Bows & arrows were popular, as was hat making and painting each others faces; and all answers to the question 'how did it make you feel?' were positive, including -'happy', 'good', 'glad'; some older children commented they 'enjoyed taking part' and one parent said 'it was nice for parents and children to make things together'.

### Chudleigh Knighton – Mosaic & games – 05.08.08 & 13.08.08

Mosaic had been chosen for two of the sessions in Hennock parish, to be held in Chudleigh Knighton village.

Unfortunately, both had to take place in the village hall due to bad weather, but booking the village hall enabled the sessions to carry on regardless. Workshop leaders were Shelley Wilcox and Robin Brown and facilitator Anne-Marie Scott.



**20 children** came to session one which involved the children designing the mosaic with their ideas of what they like about the village, and decorated a plantpot or tile with their own mosaic design, to take home. Later they joined in a few parachute games.

**16 children** came to the second session and helped complete the next stage of the mosaic making – sticking the coloured tile pieces to their design. A lot of fun was also had making all sorts of things with cardboard, from cars and houses to costumes!

### Evaluations:

Most enjoyed working together and talking about/drawing what they like to do on the big sheet of paper.



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### Hennock- Playing for Real – 21.08.08, 10am-12pm

**11 children** came out to Hennock play park on one of the few sunny days of the school holidays. They all seemed to enjoy this workshop which the parish council had requested, to contribute to their community plan consultation – asking the children and young people of the village to say what they thought of the place where they live.

The workshop was led by Helen Miller of Devonplay and facilitated by Anne-Marie for TEPEE.



#### Evaluations:

The children said the session made them feel ‘happy’ and particularly liked working together to make their own model villages.

### Dunsford- Natural Play – 21.08.08, 2pm-4pm

**19 children** enjoyed spending a sunny afternoon in their play park creating a range of crafts with materials sourced from nature, some of which they foraged for around the park which is a wonderful natural environment itself.

Michelle Lane of ‘Nature Kidz’ led the workshop assisted by Sharona Parker and facilitated by Anne-Marie.

#### Evaluations:

Nearly all said the session made them feel ‘happy’ – of the other 2, one described it as ‘superb’ and the other said it was ‘good fun’. The clay was popular and many enjoyed making pots or tree spirits.

