

Event report

Event title: Sculture Trail Launch
Date: Sunday 6th July 2008
Time: 11-12:30pm
Location: Twinberrow Woods
Staff: Ann Wheeler, Viv Jones, Jane McKerron
Partners: Vale Vision, Treetops, Town Mayor

Aim of event: To launch Dursley Sculture and Play Trail. Official opening for partners involved.

Preparation: None in terms of the event. Opportunity to create sculpture at GL11 was advertised and several people were specifically invited. The group, 'Families Learning Together', worked with Helen Williams and Amanda Griffiths to create sculptures entitled '3 bags full family' and also worked with families to re-tell traditional stories.

Publicity: Publicity mainly done through Vale Vision except for advertising for group to create sculpture

Format: Invitations to partners involved in the creation of the sculptures, including sponsors went out via Vale Vision. A courtesy bus was provided to take people to the trail at Twinberrow woods. A reception party from Vale Vision greeted everyone with bucks fizz and a speech was made by Chris Cherry, Chairman of Vale Vision. The party then walked the trail with opportunities to ask questions about the sculptures as some of the artists were onsite.

Evaluation: There were several people in attendance and there was enough of a break in the weather for everyone to stay dry. The event gave a good opportunity to meet with other representatives from supporting groups and also to see exactly where the trail is. The trail would provide a good location to take groups from GL11 eg toddler group, for a morning adventure as the area provides suitable cover and activities could be shaped around the natural environment. The trail was opened to the public in the afternoon with groups who had made sculptures invited to attend also. I believe this was a success.

Outcome: GL11 group sculpture is in situ and will remain so for a while. The sculptures are not all permanent and opportunities to create further sculpture may arise in the future.

Follow up actions: Contact for artist Kieran Playford 07920409221. Would be interested in creating a roundhouse with a group of young people or a sweat house. Is away travelling for the summer but will be back and contactable in the late autumn/winter. Need to look at funding if we want to pursue this project.