

Play Gloucestershire Report Card: Longborough



Monitoring Period: July – August 2018

Play Gloucestershire is the local charity that helps children to Get Out and Play! Our mission is to transform children's lives using the power of outdoor play. We believe that outdoor play is an essential part of a happy and healthy childhood, and benefits families, schools and communities.

Our Play Rangers provide active and creative play in urban and rural communities in the Cheltenham, Cotswolds, Forest of Dean, Gloucester, Stroud and Tewkesbury districts. Activities are both school and community based, providing adventure, friendship and fun for hundreds of young people each year. School aged children and their families are the beneficiaries of our work. We particularly support children from disadvantaged and rurally isolated communities, and those living in challenging circumstances.

Play Gloucestershire's Play Rangers have been kindly funded by Longborough Parish Council to deliver two holiday play session in 2018.

How much did we do?

- We provided **2 school holiday play sessions**
- **Totalling 12 hours of play**
- We received **54 play visits from children, young people and adults**

How well did we do it?

"This giant water slide is the best thing ever!" – Girl, aged 11

"This is amazing... we are so glad to have found you and will definitely come along again." - Mother of four young children

"We can actually make our own den?!" – Boy, aged 9

How have we made a difference to children and young people?

- Providing volunteering opportunities to young people who in turn role model positive behaviour among their peers
- We promote active and healthy lifestyles with a range of activities and snacks. This combination improves mental health and physical health, providing a sense of increased wellbeing
- Enjoying the outdoors and using the free recreational space kindly provided by Longborough and Sezincote Cricket Club
- Unique relationships between our Play Rangers and the children and young people attending sessions who test our boundaries in search of consistent and dependable adult role models
- A unique opportunity for children and young people of different ages to play together that doesn't happen in school and sport club's environments where age groups are separated
- An unstructured approach to play that encourages young people to development skills in self-resilience and decision making

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Community cohesion

We had a lot of creative making in the main den area today. Children & families kept arriving throughout the day and a new group with young children saw a den that had been made earlier and wanted to make their own so I helped them with this.

All were really enthusiastic during the building, but when built the children moved on to something else and the parents got left in the den – a lovely shady space for the parents to have a little time with their friends whilst keeping an eye on their children.

The parents thanked us at the end of the day and were keen to come back next time. It was great that we were able to provide opportunities for the whole family to have some time and space for themselves.



Community Play

Set up the den as it was due to be very hot, funny moment with Mark (who has signed up as a young volunteer with us) looking like he was on reception waiting to greet people, he continued this throughout the day mentioning that he was on a lunch break and would go back to the office soon!



Hot weather meant lots of water play, water slides and shady dens

Community matters

Pip came to open up the cricket club and mentioned that the toilet wasn't in use as the flooring had to be redone. He chatted to Stow Ag and organised for us to use the toilets there and later rang a plumber to fit the toilet and get it working for the afternoon! We were so grateful and very impressed at his quick work, it meant that parents with young children could stay for longer as most had driven to the session and didn't live close enough to nip home to use the toilet.

