

Play Gloucestershire Report Card: Bourton-on-the-Water Parish Council

Monitoring Period: April to June 2019



Play Gloucestershire is the local charity that helps children to *Get Out and Play*. We combine play delivery with play advocacy and community play development. Our Play Rangers provide active and creative play in urban and rural communities in the Cheltenham, Cotswold, Forest of Dean, Gloucester, Stroud and Tewkesbury districts. Activities are both school and community based, providing adventure, friendship and fun for hundreds of children and young people each year.

School aged children, young people 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 work year round in Bourton-on-the-Water delivering afterschool and school holiday play sessions. The work is kindly funded by Bourton-on-the-Water Parish Council through to March 2020.

How much did we do?

- We have provided **8 after school and 3 half day play sessions**
- Totalling **23.5 hours of play**
- With **299 play visits**
- **100% Reliability** in **all weathers**

How well did we do it?

"I am loving doing this, I feel like a kid again and it feels great." Kyra (13)

"Can we build a scramble net like last week?" Josh (10) & Ethan (13)

"Is there anything I can do to help?" Ellie as she saw Young Volunteers helping to pack away

"Sasha's told me all about it and I'm well excited to come, I only live over there." Phoebe (12),
Sasha's Cousin

Have we made a difference to children and young people?

- A unique opportunity for children and young people of different ages to play together that doesn't happen in school and sports clubs environments where age groups are separated.
- An opportunity for children and young people to take part in active and creative play that supports childhood health and wellbeing.
- Active and healthy lifestyles with a range of activities and snacks. This combination of food and fun improves mental health and physical health, providing a sense of increased wellbeing.
- Positive Social Return Investment (SRI) of community play sessions, changing the way sites are used, increasing recreation and activity.
- An unstructured approach to play that encourages young people to develop skills in resilience and decision making.
- An opportunity for children and young people to experience playing with the elements, especially play in the dark, in an environment they know well with trusted adults.
- Providing volunteering opportunities for young people who in turn role model positive behaviour among their peers.

Play Gloucestershire in Bourton-on-the-Water



| | Ages 10 and under | Ages 11 + |
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| 3rd April | 15 | 12 |
| *10th April | 15 | 23 |
| *17th April | 22 | 22 |
| 1st May | 9 | 5 |
| 8th May | 10 | 6 |
| 15th May | 20 | 16 |
| 22nd May | 18 | 9 |
| *29th May | 12 | 9 |
| 12th June | 15 | 8 |
| 19th June | 23 | 4 |
| 26th June | 16 | 10 |

Play Ranger Session; 15th May 2019 - *Permission to Play*

A group of the teens tried to recreate some artwork that they had seen with paint splattered onto card over a star shape created by masking tape to peel off. Sadly the card ripped as they pulled the masking tape off but they took it well and had really enjoyed themselves. It was a great play session today with the whole play space being used for games, scramble net, stomp rocket, arty making & park play.

Play Ranger Session; 10th April 2019 - *Teamwork & problem solving*

Before I was out of the van a couple of boys asked for a rope to do a swing like they have done a few times before with Play Ranger Mel. They have done it in the park before, this time they chose to do it on the MUGA. Then they saw the nets and got quite excited, taking the giant black net over before coming and asking for pegs. They created a scramble net – they were really good at the knots & securing it – I was very impressed. The kids played on it for most of the session on and off and the boys were happy for everyone to have a go. It was interesting to watch two of the boys have a push and shove about who went next, one of the older children saw them and helped them to solve it amicably with rock paper scissors! The muddy puddle was an additional challenge for them to work around– some slipped into it, others survived.

