

Children's Clubs

The children's clubs are to get children and young people into different sites where the Limestone Landscapes are across the area and on the coast and to learn about the history, the nature and the geological side of the sites.

The theme today has been nature so we've been looking at different habitats within the dene. We started off with a little bit of a scavenger hunt to familiarise ourselves with the setting. Who's got a skeleton? Us! So where's the bone? Here! Well Done.

Then we got the children and young people to have a go at building their own habitats and ask why they built them there, what benefits that would have and then we are finishing off with actually looking for some real bugs both in the ponds and on the land as well.

There are lots of sticks and twigs and things over there if you want to use them. Sticks, twigs and leaves.

We are going to build a nest so insects can sort of go inside, like a badger home but like insects. Now we need another bigger twig like this.

I've been here loads of times, it's like a place where you can relax and wander around. Basically, it's getting them out of the house; instead of sitting in front of computers, at home, out with the wildlife and then obviously it's like a fun educational learning as they go instead of just sitting in a classroom, they are out and about and just learning about the site, discovering it. Its different sessions and we'll do different activities within the sessions to help engage and learn as well as have a little bit of fun whilst we're there as well.

The aim of this activity is to basically, obviously a lot of people just walk past water and think nothing of it. It's just kind of to get in and understand what it's about, because obviously when we walk through the dene, we've seen the rivers and the streams, just to understand what actually goes on and how it's an actual living habitat, explain about their lives and why they live in there and that kind of thing. They might find some skater flies on the top and that type of thing as well, so hopefully we'll get them out as well and have a look at them.

We've tried to catch different sorts of creatures in the pond, Up to now we've got a few snails, and we've got a little newt and we've got some nymphs. Some nymphs. I liked the walk; I've got a blister off the walk like. I've just found something out.