



## Adventure Play in the Bay

2008-2009



During this academic year Adventure Play in the Bay has facilitated over 1,400 activities to children and young people aged between 4-17. 80% of the activities delivered this year were for young people over the age of 8 (1120 activities), 50% of those activities were delivered to young people over the age of 12 (560). This year we have continued to deliver in partnership with PC&SC, buying into their superb programme every holiday bar May half term when we simply ran out of money!

As well as PC&SC's varied menu of activities, this year's Adventure Play in the Bay calendar has included; A Naval Adventure (trip to Dartmouth's Royal Naval College), Trick or Treat Doorstep, Sculpting Canoe Adventure, Richard the Lionheart Quest, Two Fun days, An Adventure for All ages, Swallows and Amazons at Sharpham, Sponsored Treetop Adventure, An Adventure into Art, Your Mission today combo day, Tiny Terras on the beach, Come Dine with me Sleepover, A Victorian Beach Adventure and of course The Great Recycled Raft Race.

### Combo day development:

In response to feedback from young people APIB has been working in partnership to extend its offering and develop Combo days; "Your mission today" brought the Youth Services Outdoor team together with TC&CST to deliver an excellent adventure; 12 novice canoers ventured from Paignton, some were quite apprehensive, canoed across to Goodrington where they were met by TC&CST Rangers who put them through their paces on the beach – by the time they got back to Paignton beach they had all achieved their Paddle Start Award and they **all** celebrated by jumping in the sea.



Other combo events this year; A Sculpting Canoe Adventure, Swallows and Amazons at Sharpham, Geo Quest Adventure at Berry Head and the Come dine with me Sleepover at Warren Barn – during all of these sessions young people had the opportunity to experience and choose from a range of activities and as a result achieved better buy in.



*"I didn't think I was going to enjoy it but I did – it was alright."* Myles, Friday Night Project

**Accredited Outcomes - October 2008 thru September 2009**

Adventure Play in the Bay has delivered 118 accredited outcomes during the academic year. 62 of those for young people 13 and over.

A total of 44 individual young people 13 and over have achieved accredited outcomes through Adventure Play in the Bay this year and many of those have achieved more than one and a small collective of horse riders have achieved 4 each!

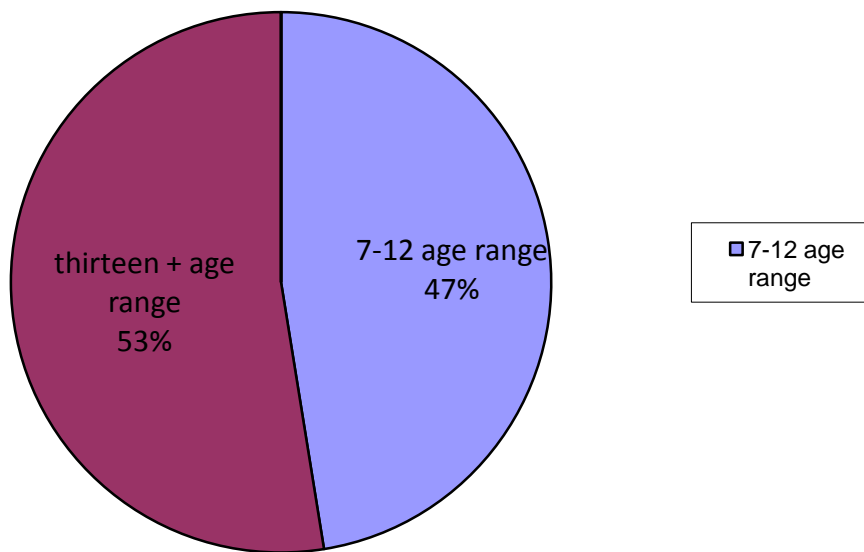


This group of young people first came together last February with one wish in mind – they wanted to learn how to canter free across the fields. They have come together for one day per holiday ever since and are getting nearer to realising their goal. During the summer they put in a bid to TOFFE to go on a horse riding camp to celebrate their achievements and try for a canter. The TOFFE panel have just approved their bid. So this October their off to on a Pony trek Adventure that they have funded themselves. The group is made up of young people from TYS, Torbay School, TYC and Adoption and Fostering.

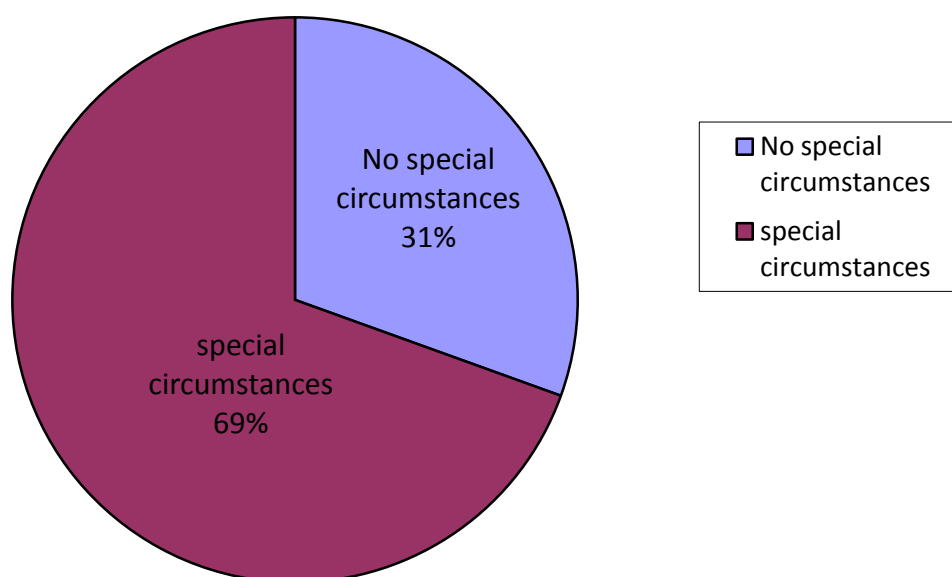
69% of the accredited outcomes achieved this year were achieved by children and young people with special circumstances.

**APIB accredited outcomes facts and figures:**

Number of individual children age 13 and over, achieving accredited outcomes at any point during academic year 2008-2009



No of individual children with special circumstances achieving accredited outcomes at any point during academic year 2008-2009



Adventure Play in the Bay 2008-2009 has been working to Torbay Council's strategic priorities within the Children & Young Peoples Plan achieving all five ECM outcomes and increasing its delivery to children and young people with special circumstances (disabled, living within the most deprived wards in Torbay, excluded from school, CIN, Young Carers) from 51% 2007-2008 to 53% 2008-2009.

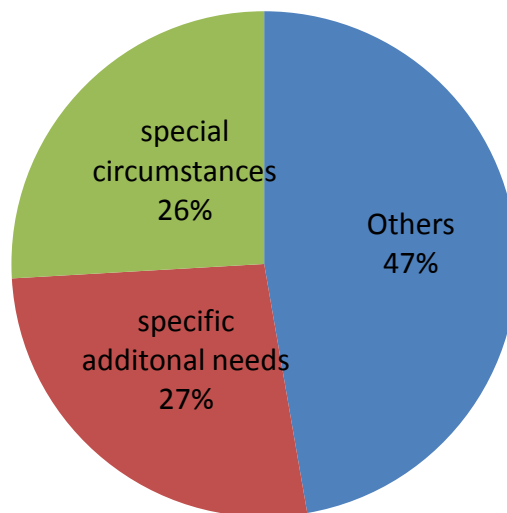
Children and young people are consistently at the centre of the development and design of APIB activities and this year have been proactive in fund raising for their own activities; Sponsored Treetop Adventure, Christmas Bag Pack, FUNK bid to Crime Beat, TOFFEE bid by Horse Riders and lastly the Great Recycled Raft Race where in participating groups this year have raised enough money to guarantee activity next year thereby 'achieving economic well being' whilst having a great time.

*Please see APIB Evaluation.*

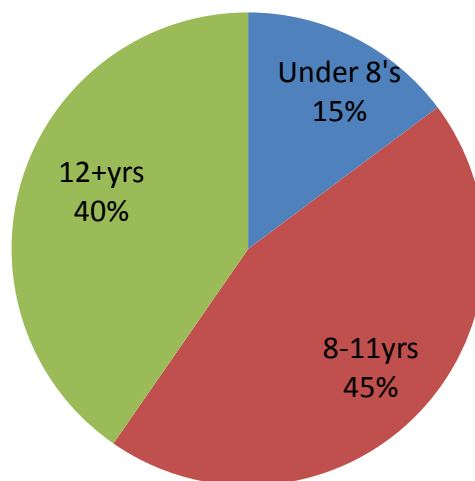


## Whose Accessing APIB?

Children with additional needs and/or special circumstances who accessed Adventure Play in the Bay activities during the academic year 2008-2009



Children and young people accessing Adventure Play in the Bay activities during academic year 2008-2009



Total number = 1400

Under 8's = 207

8-11yrs = 628

12+ yrs = 565

Developmental potential:



On the beach; Play England is very interested in how young people are being encouraged to access beaches and are interested in activities going on in Torbay; The Combo days, the Victorian Beach Adventure and Little Terras on the beach have all caught their attention. As events they demonstrate a willingness within the council to work across service to improve the outcome for children and young people in Torbay.

TC&CST are interested in doing a joint bid to 'take the beach' onto estates and encourage families down onto the beach.

Doorstep Adventures: We have Awards for All and Coop funding to deliver Doorstep Adventures for a year. The project will support communities who have not been able to access APIB getting a bite of the bullet. *See Doorstep leaflet*

Short Breaks Funding bid: Partnering with Specialist Services to facilitate inclusion for APIB activities.

Children In Need: We have been encouraged by CIN to try again for a three year bid for Adventure Play in the Bay. One of our perceived strengths is partnership working. Childrens Services has been consistent in supporting APIB and has helped us achieve this perception.

### **Partnership working:**



2008-2009 has seen people come together to support the project in all sorts of different ways. We've had people come bag packing with us, the Junior Street Wardens and FUNK did a sponsored Tree Top Adventures, Community Partnerships from all over the bay have dug deep, the Youth Service and Early Years Play and Childcare have helped with free activities and by staffing the events. Other sponsors this year include; Targeted Youth Support, Brixham Parish Council, Short Breaks Participate Funding, Recycle Torbay, the Soroptermists, Crime Beat, West Country Housing and even a group of councillors who personally contributed

toward the Victorian Beach Adventure at Goodrington.

We have also received a lot of support in kind - with people going the extra mile to improve the outcomes on activities run by Adventure Play in the Bay - a BIG thankyou must go to Torbay Coast and Countryside Trust, The IBEX Canoe Club, Grenville House, Torre Abbey, The Brixham Bezerkers, Torquay Museum, Hi Flyer, Torbays Residents and Visitors Services, Torbays Safer Communities - the list goes on...



Because of the amazing communal support not only has the project kept its head above water in 'credit crunch' conditions it has facilitated a massive 1,400 Adventures free of charge to children and young people from across Torbay.

**APIB Funding 2008-2009:**

<b>Awarding body</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Criteria</b>
PAYP	£22,000	Positive Activities for young people
EYFS	£14,500	Coordinators Salary (16 hrs)
Play England	£200.00	For FUNK consultation
Go Ape	£180.00	Refund on comp activity
Brixham Community Partnership	£400.00	Great Recycled Raft Race (GRRR)
Brixham Parish Council	£1,000	GRRR
Crime Beat	£250.00	GRRR
Christmas Bag Pack	£509.00	APIB Activities
Sponsored Treetop Adventure	£495	To pay for activity
Short Breaks Funding	£200.00	Victorian Beach Adventure
Resident & Visitors Services	£350.00	Victorian Beach Adventure
Recycle Torbay	£200.00	GRRR
West Country Housing	£863.70	Activities and training
GRRR Event collection and Sponsorship	£1,000	GRRR 2010
The Soroptermists	£50.00	Victorian Beach Adventure
Paignton Community Partnerships	£150.00	Victorian Beach Adventure
Kay Elliot Architects	£140,000	Victorian Beach Adventure
Blatchcombe Community Partnership	£100.00	Victorian Beach Adventure
Torbay Councillors	£125.00	Victorian Beach Adventure
Awards for All	£10,000	Doorstep Adventures
Coop Community Funding	£2,000	Doorstep Adventures
	<b>£54,712.70</b>	

**Creative Play Journeys, wholly funded by the lottery has been delivered to 8 projects facilitating children and young people across Torbay – 160 children and young people – 50% of those young people were 12+**



## Herald Express

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# Knights' tale told at abbey

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**TORRE** Abbey's part in the history of the crusades provided a suitably bloody tale to inspire young players.

King of England Richard the Lionheart was captured on his way back from the crusades, a massive ransom demanded and the sons of leading noblemen went as hostages.

One man who took part in the negotiations was William de Brewer, Lord of the Manor of Torre, and William de Brewer junior was sent off as one of the hostages.

William senior pledged that if his heir returned he would build abbeys and that's how Torre Abbey came into being 812 years ago.

It's a fascinating tale which was re-enacted at Torre Abbey by Adventure Play in the Bay, a partnership project between Torbay Council's Early Years Play and Child Care and the Torbay Play Forum which is a local charity dedicated to improving play opportunities for young people in Torbay.

Eight young people who came together at the abbey came from all over Torbay, including youngsters from The Acorn Centre, Barton, the Special Needs Playscheme, Targeted Youth Support, Mincent Hills Residents Association, FUNK (the Film Us Now Krew), Adoption and Fostering.

For the day they came together as the Lion Rampants, the Dragons, the Griffins and the Manticores and with the help of storytellers, medieval musicians, shadow puppeteers, medieval archers and others.



**WEAPON WIELDER: Richard the Lionheart with the sword crafted by children involved in the day's activities**

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At the climax of the day William Brewer the Younger was exchanged for Richard the Lionheart, who was being held to ransom by the wicked Duke Leopold of Austria. On his release the king was presented with a sword which had been created by the young people during the day, with the help of the blacksmith.

Lewis Palmer, who was celebrating his 14th birthday on the

day, was chosen to present the young people's gift. The king was so touched by the offering he instructed the keepers of the abbey to keep the sword within its walls as a permanent reminder of the 'gallantry' of the 80 young people who helped him to freedom.

For more details of the play organisation see [www.torbay-play.org.uk](http://www.torbay-play.org.uk).