

Fitz Park Play Area Workshop



Following public concern over the deterioration and poor condition of the play area in Fitz Park, parents in Keswick set up the Fitz Park Play Area User Group in 2008.

Fitz Park Trust and the Play Area User Group are now continuing work on their 'Make Us Smile Project' to drive forward the potential re-development of the Fitz Park play area by meeting with suppliers to produce initial designs for the project. In addition, Keswick Area Partnership has submitted funding applications on behalf of the Fitz Park Trust to the Changing Spaces BIG Lottery. A Stage One decision is expected in March.

The funding applications have been complemented by a fundraising scheme initiated by the Fitz Park Trust. Letters have been circulated to local businesses and organisations asking for their support for the project and offering them the opportunity to sponsor a piece of equipment. Alan Wilson from the Play Area User Group said, "The play area in Keswick is not only well used by locals but if Keswick can create a unique and attractive play area it will be a draw for tourists as well. Sponsorship of a piece of equipment will be a high profile way for organisations to market their business through their support for the scheme, however small or large their donation."

The Fitz Park Trust has now received three completed designs and costs from varying suppliers and would like to invite people to attend a Half Term Workshop. This will be a chance for users of the play area and potential sponsors to look at the designs from the three suppliers and provide feedback on any potential changes.

The workshop will be held in the Business and Education Centre in the Keswick Museum Building on Thursday February 19th and will run from 10am till 2pm.

The event will be crucial in deciding the preferred option for the play area. There will be refreshments and a chance to have a chat with those involved about the project.

Please visit the Fitz Park play area website www.fitzparkplayarea.co.uk if you would like more information on the project, or contact Rachel Graham on rachel@keswickap.co.uk if interested in supporting the scheme.