

## Play Area Workshop

Local families from Threlkeld and Keswick as well as visitors from as far as the North East participated in craft activities to design a sensory garden as part of the Fitz Park 'Make us smile project', in a workshop on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August. The play area project aims to redevelop the existing play area with imaginative and creative equipment for the Keswick and surrounding community.

Volunteers from 'Keswick in Bloom' and a local teacher led the workshops and over thirty people attended the two hour session.

Children also worked with the Fitz park gardener, to plant up daffodil and tulip bulbs that will be planted later in the year. The sensory garden will feature in the centre of the play area redevelopment and will provide a wide range of sensory experiences to complement the new play equipment and seating areas.

The sensory garden designs will be available to see this week and will be displayed in the Cumbrian Cottages window on the corner of Southey and Station Street.

The 'Make us smile project' has now found all the match funding that is needed to send the stage 2 application off to the BIG lottery after the Fitz Park Trust agreed to underwrite the shortfall of £7600. A stage 2 decision from the BIG lottery is expected in a few weeks time. Once that decision is given, work to redevelop the play area can begin.

Although the shortfall has been underwritten to enable the project to send the stage 2 application off, the Fitz Park Trust will continue to raise funds to meet the shortfall. This Sunday, Fitz Park trustees will be participating in a sponsored 15km walk as part of the Lakeland Trails event.

If you would like to be part of this fantastic community project and do a sponsored event, sponsor forms can be found on the website [www.fitzparkplayarea.co.uk](http://www.fitzparkplayarea.co.uk). Or if you would like to make a donation please send to Fitz Park Trust, 50 Main street, Keswick CA12 5JS