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Week of fun proves a hit with Clipstone youngsters

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Children from Clipstone enjoyed a week of activities at Vicar Water Country Park last week in a packed programme organised by the Greenwood Community Forest Team and Newark & Sherwood District Council.

The programme, which featured sports and physical activities in the morning and environmental and arts activities in the afternoon provided local children with plenty of alternatives to computer games and television.

Shelter building and pond dipping proved to be most popular with street dancing and boxercise also being well-liked by the 8 – 13 year olds.

Keith Hatfield, ranger at the park, led the woodland activities and really got the children in touch with nature, while sports activities, provided by the sports development team, gave them a chance to try some different activities like parachute games and street dancing.

Gill Grievson, Community Liaison Officer for the Greenwood Team, commented: "It was great to see the children totally engrossed in designing and building their shelters in the woods. Vicar Water provides plenty of materials and, with our help they made some great dens. The week has been a real success and the children all said they had enjoyed the free activities on offer."

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Holly Powell, Community Physical Activity Officer for Newark and Sherwood District Council, commented: 'Vicar Water is a lovely setting for the activities and the children always turn out and enjoy the sports activities regardless of the weather'

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Photo 1: Hula hoop challenge

Photo 2: Shelter building