

## **Forest School site report for Parish Council 2025-6**

The Forest School area has been used for one morning a week from April to November 2025 to run a Parent and Toddler outdoor stay and play session. On average there are 10 children who come regularly and enjoy the space. All of them talk about how much they love the site.

It has also been used one afternoon a week for 18 weeks of the year for Forest School sessions for Tetsworth Primary School. These sessions take place during the Summer Term and part of the Autumn Term. The children love the sessions and the school see it as a valuable asset to their timetable.

Last summer I also used the site to host a birthday party for a child at Tetsworth Primary School.

I am also a Scout leader with 1<sup>st</sup> Thame Scout Group and my scout troop and a couple of cub packs have used the site for some of their meetings. I have always run the meetings and been in charge of what they do. They have laid the wood chip on the path, made tables on the site and painted some of the structures with outdoor paint to help them last. They have also used it to practice their fire lighting skills in fire bowls and cook on them, as well as play wide games in the dark.

The site is regularly used (mainly from February to November) by children in the village who enjoy playing in the mud kitchen area, making dens and playing games on the site.

A camera was donated by someone in the village last year to help monitor people on the site and to encourage people to keep to the rules. It has also been useful for spotting wildlife on the site. A sign has been put up on the gate to reflect this.

Repairs have been made to the ship and mud kitchen area and last year a tree collapsed. Owain Devey kindly gave his time for free to cut this up. We have used some of the wood to burn and lots of the logs and branches are around the site and children enjoy using them to make dens. Devey Tree Care also donated some new logs for the children to sit on around the fire circle.

The compost toilet is starting to leak so will need painting over the summer to protect the wood.

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