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Tah-da!!

Your play area is nearly finished!

RSPB Conwy is having a makeover and better still, it's nearly finished! Have you seen it?! You are about to have much more fun on our nature reserve than ever before.

RSPB Conwy has 11 projects to finish before the summer, which is not very far away is it?! But it's ok, we're on track. Staff, builders, volunteers, artists and many more have been extremely busy transforming our

nature reserve into THE place to be. You can enjoy being close to wildlife as well as a having great fun with your family and friends.

Out of the 11 projects, we have finished eight...not bad eh?! Can you remember what they all are?

Can you guess them all?

(Answers on the second page)



Big Nest, Little Nest

(these are the names of your new climbing frames)

Pretend you are a bird!

...or pretend that you have your very own jungle-gym, just like a chimpanzee. Climb, swing, hop, leap, and after a long hard day playing, grab a quick snooze, and chill out on one of the branches just like chimps do.

This is your play area - enjoy it, whatever way you want to!



Y Maes

Your play area is situated on 'Y Maes', or the "village square" of the reserve. Can you remember what this area looked like last Christmas?



So, how many of these did you guess?

1. Solar panels on coffee shop
2. Car park has been improved
3. build a new viewpoint
4. New events and picnic area
5. Build a straw-bale building
6. Teigi
7. Build a killock
8. Roundabout artwork
9. Build a tunnel
10. Tal-y-fan mural
11. Build a new play area



We are proud to present...

Efa & Peter, our Conwy Connections TV superstars!

We had an amazing filming day with Efa and Peter and the film company Tape. You can watch the film at <http://tapetv.yourlocal.tv>



The Lookout

Work has started on building one of the makeover's highlights...the straw bale building called The Lookout! Can you guess what material will be used to cover the straw bales in the special green building, to build the inside walls? We will have more on this building in the next MudMag.



Guess the Ceramic Species

Check out these amazing ceramic artworks!

They were made by a group of young people from the Afasic charity, who worked with local artist, Sue King.

They have kindly donated these ceramic pieces to decorate the inside walls of The LookOut. These walls are made out of three layers of clay.

A BIG thank you goes out to the young people who made them!

Fancy a sneaky preview of what the ceramic pieces look like?!

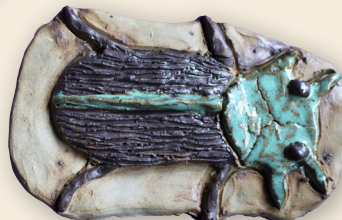
Can you guess the species of each one?



Species

Join the name to the ceramic

1. Beetle one
2. Robin
3. Frog
4. Dragonfly
5. Egret
6. Beetle two
7. Pony one
8. Stoat
9. Beetle three
10. oyster catcher
11. Pony two
12. Rabbit



Interview with India

RSPB Conwy Wildlife Explorers group helped to come up with ideas for the Conwy makeover. India Hackett, a Wildlife Explorer member was 10 years old back then. India is now 15 years old and is still busy with Wildlife Explorers. We asked her what she thinks of the reserve now:

Five years ago, when they started talking about improving the reserve, what were your ideas?

My heart was set on a playground. We even had a special Wildlife Explorers day just for designing a playground out of clay and bits of wood. It was really fun and we got lots of interesting ideas out of it!

What do you think of the makeover?

I think it's amazing! 'Tegi' looks really good. You can't beat a dragon! The climbing frame and tunnel looks fun too, I can't wait to try them out! I think the makeover has been a success! The reserve looks great! I'm sure it will encourage lots of people to come visit. It will be more appealing for younger children too, even at 15yrs, I can't wait to try out the playground!



Are your friends as into wildlife as you are?

I have a few friends who enjoy nature like me! Lewis and Luca are two of them, and I met them here at the reserve. We've been going to Wildlife Explorers for years, and we are always trying to get other people to come and visit the reserve.

Would you change anything?

I think it's all looking good! I don't think I'd change anything, I think it's going to be a big success!

In the next MudMag...

Meet Efa and Peter, our TV stars, and find out how we built the extraordinary straw bale building and why building with straw is better for the environment...and much more.

Events Coming Up...

**RSPB Conwy Discovery Day,
Saturday 31st August**

A day filled with exciting activities. There'll be loads of things to discover, from the new play area to how to make a giant bubble! We know it isn't for a while yet, but we're all getting a bit excited about it! Put in your calendars!



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