

**REPORT ON SOUTH ABINGDON PLAY &  
ACTIVITY DAY 2025**  
**SATURDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2025**  
**BUILDING COMMUNITIES THROUGH PLAY'**



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**FREE ENTRANCE**  
**AND FREE**  
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**LADYGROVE MEADOW, DRAYTON ROAD,**  
**ABINGDON. OX14 5HX**

**SATURDAY 12TH JULY 2025**  
**11AM UNTIL 3PM**



**Go Kart Party \* Muzo Akademy \* Art Avalanche \* Giant Bubbles \* Smoothie Bike \* DIY Face Painting \* Churches Together In Abingdon \* Arts & Crafts \* Ride on Time \* Abingdon Carousel \* Fabric Upcycling \* Fire Play \* Body Zorbing \* Tricky Trails Biking \* Bright Sparks Science \* Creating Art and more!!**

### **BRINGING COMMUNITIES TOGETHER THROUGH PLAY**

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**This is an Open Access event. Please note that NO Childcare is provided. There is very limited Parking on site. Food and Refreshments are being provided by Inspiring Minds and will need to be purchased, you are most welcome to bring a picnic.**







Playday is the national day for play, celebrated each year across the UK.

The theme for this year's Playday is ... Spaces for Play.

This year's theme highlights the vital importance of accessible, inclusive spaces where children and young people have opportunities to play freely, spending time, and connecting with friends - and feel valued as part of their community. Children will play anywhere and everywhere, so access to quality playful spaces and places is essential for their happiness and development, offering opportunities to boost both physical health and emotional well-being.

This Playday, we're calling for spaces for play that:

Are inclusive and welcoming for children and young people of all ages and abilities.

Provide accessible, safe, and playful spaces where children can play freely in their local community.

Maximise opportunities for play in schools, childcare, and youth settings.

Are shaped by the voices, needs, and experiences of children and young people themselves.

Support play that promotes fun, friendship, being active, enjoying nature, and building a strong sense of belonging.

Encourage families, carers, and communities to come together through play across generations.

Every child and young person has the right to play - and they deserve the time, space, freedom, and opportunity to do so, every day. This Playday, we encourage families, community leaders, planners, developers, and everyone who shapes children's lives to champion better spaces for play. Together, we can create a more playful, inclusive world where all children can grow, thrive, and belong.



OPA would like to thank the following for their financial and practical support, without whom this event would not have happened







## OPA PLAY AND ACTIVITY DAYS 2025

### KEY AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

#### For Children & Young People

- 1) Promote Positive Behaviours & Activities (reduce anti-social behaviour)
- 2) Promote Increased Levels of Physical Activity
- 3) Promote a Healthy Lifestyle (healthy choices)
- 4) Promote Healthy Weight Management (obesity reduction)
- 5) Provide information on services and activities to promote a sense of Wellbeing and Inclusion

#### For Parents / Carers

- 1) Provide an Event offering both **FREE** Entrance & **FREE** Activities to Ensure an Inclusion for **ALL**
- 2) Demonstrate how Play & Quality Family Time can be achieved on a Zero / Minimal Budget using Natural & Recycled materials
- 3) Provide information on services and activities available in the local and wider area

#### For Communities

- 1) Encourage a greater sense of belonging to promote Active & Engaged Communities - 'Love Where You Live'
- 2) Promote local clubs, groups and societies
- 3) Involve local groups, communities and Children & Young People in the planning and delivery of each event





## OXFORDSHIRE PLAY ASSOCIATION

**OPA's Vision is to 'Improve Lives Through Play'**

**OPA's Mission is to 'Champion and to support the rights of all Children & Young People to have access to, high quality, inclusive Play opportunities to improve their Physical, Mental and Spiritual wellbeing'**

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