

Colourful date with creepy crawlies sees youngsters having a ball



Nature study: Cyrus Duffy, aged three, learns to paint, top; and six-year-old Holly Fairhurst shows off her colourful insect, above

CHILDREN got back to nature by making giant creep crawlies sculptures and costumes in a Sheffield nature park.

The youngsters were thrilled to make all sorts of bug and insect costumes from recycled materials to wear in a mini-parade next month.

They learned how to make sculptures from willow when artist Moira Benoit gave them lessons in Blake Street Nature Park, Walkley, yesterday.

Families also enjoyed joining trying out a few circus skills.

Coun Bryan Lodge, Sheffield Council cabinet member for green spaces, said: "Kids got lots of enjoyment from it because it was a chance to be creative and also learn something about the environment and nature."

After making costumes and sculptures, the youngsters were then given a chance to have a look at real creepy crawlies and bugs with nature expert Peter Clegg.

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On the trail: Marcus Wright, aged 16 months, finds fun among the daffodils