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Whitehough open day

LOCAL children got a taste of the high — and low — life at Whitehough Outdoor Education Centre on Saturday.

For one of the open day activities available to visitors was the chance to try scaling the indoor climbing wall.

And when they had recovered from that, participants were invited to investigate the mysterious depths of the "indoor cave" which runs between the floors of one of the buildings.

Other challenges included inspecting watery wildlife with a pond dipping session, and tackling problem solving exercises such as clambering over a 12 foot wall as a team effort.

The traditional practice of archery also proved popular with the have-a-go visitors, and after they had worn themselves out physically there was the chance to view displays about the work of the centre before re-fuelling at the canteen.

"This was our first ever open day, and we were very pleased with the response," said Head of Centre Mr Stewart Baggs.

"It all went very well, and we are looking forward to repeating the exercise next year. I would like to thank all the teachers from local schools who so kindly helped us in setting up the displays."

Our picture shows Mr Baggs with a team of would-be climbers kitted out for action at Whitehough on Saturday.

Photo: Anthony Braithwaite.

Degrees

TWO local students have graduated recently from Nottingham Polytechnic.

Jonathan Hayes, of Nelson, has been awarded a BA third class honours degree in furniture design, and Ian Bancroft, of Brierfield, has been awarded a second class BEng (Hons) degree in civil engineering.

Cash for good cause



NELSON'S Linda Hacking has kidney stones. So she is raising money to buy a sophisticated machine that can cure sufferers of the painful complaint.

Kidney stones are lumps of crystals that build up in the body's filtration organs. They can cause long term damage that could mean sufferers ultimately having to go on a kidney machine, or face a transplant.

Linda (30), of Temple Street, has suffered from