

THE PLAY AND VOLUNTEER DIRECTORY 1980

The Play and Volunteer Directory was compiled by the National Playing Fields Association in 1979 and revised for 1980.

It was devised and directed by Rob Wheway who was at the time a Regional Play Advisor for National Playing Fields Association which at the time had a similar role to Play England but covered England, Wales and Northern Ireland.



It is a comprehensive list of adventure playgrounds, play centres and holiday play schemes operating that year. Many of the holiday play schemes will have been run either by or with volunteers, some receiving grants to pay for workers but others just receiving a grant to assist with the purchase of bats, balls, paint, crayons, etc.

Funding for a team to do the work was obtained from the Government "Job Creation Programme".

At the time much funding for adventure playgrounds was obtained through the Urban Programme which also gave money for holiday play schemes.

It will be of interest to anybody looking back to see how play provision with playworkers has developed (or failed to develop).

It was very much old technology with no computers just typewriters and it was printed using duplicator skins where the typewriter made holes in the skin which allowed ink through onto the paper.

Should anyone be interested in knowing what the state of play was in their own council area at that time please do feel you can get in touch. Unfortunately we won't be able to photocopy pages and can't run off a few pages because it's not on the computer, but we would be able to send you details of numbers and variety of playwork opportunities.

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