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Press Release

Community group ImagineNewmarket holds another 'Design our Building Day' for children.

The team at ImagineNewmarket held a Sustainable Buildings Day at the George VII Memorial Hall in Newmarket, Suffolk on Thursday, 27, September 2007.

- **Dens from hazel coppice's**
- **Tents from canes and stones**
- **Shelters from supermarket baskets and tape**

Local schoolchildren were engaged with ImagineNewmarket, part of the project's development of ideas for their iconic new centre in West Suffolk, to think about renewable energy, building materials and how new structures are created.

Children from six schools in and around Newmarket created some amazing structures with the team at ImagineNewmarket. In a whole day of activities at the Memorial Hall the children explored ways to use renewable sources in buildings, production of power from natural energies. This was combined with using materials to build a shelter, which could the children could fit inside.

The children worked with diverse interesting materials from shopping baskets, kindly donated by Waitrose Supermarkets, to hazel branches, gathered and donated by Little Angels, the childcare specialists in Bury St. Edmunds.

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The project ImagineNewmarket is working to develop a Curiosity and Imagination Centre which will host a range of activities where children and families can learn, have fun and enjoy the chance to find out more about the world. This £3.5 million project is destined to become a regional centre of interest.

See the project web-site at www.imaginewmarket.org.uk

Editorial Notes:

1. ImagineNewmarket, a community group working in West Suffolk, is currently working towards full charitable status. Bids for funding are currently with the Big Lottery and the Building Communities Fund.
2. The project is generously supported by donations of time, materials and services from a range local businesses.
3. The use of the George VII Memorial Hall for the event on the 27th was kindly donated by Newmarket Town Council.
4. The project team at ImagineNewmarket includes experienced local head teachers, community development professionals, architects and childcare specialists.

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