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CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL FOR SHROPSHIRE

Shropshire is to host its first ever Children's Festival later this year. The Festival, which is to be launched at a public event in Bridgnorth at the end of January, will be held over August Bank holiday in the town. The Festival brings together on one site music, film, sports, arts, crafts, skateboarding, computer gaming and a wide range of other activities for young people.

Organisers of the Children's Festival have been planning the event since last Autumn.

Stephen Derges, Chair of the organising team said,

"This is a really important event for young people in Shropshire and their families. The Festival has been developed following months of consultation with young people in the area and will provide a huge range of inventive and exciting activities in a safe and supportive environment"

Schools and businesses in the area have been quick to support the Festival.

Roger Davies Head of Oldbury School Campus said,

"We're right behind it. The Festival promotes enjoyment and creativity specifically geared towards Children and young people- it's a great way to support the local community"

Volunteers, Councillors and businesses will be attending the Festival launch event at Bridgnorth Town Hall on Monday 30 January 2006 at 8.00pm where there will also be an opportunity for individuals interested in helping at the Festival to sign up.

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Notes for Editors

The Festival will take place on Saturday 26 (10am - 5.30pm) and Sunday 27 August 2006 10am - 8.30pm) at Oldbury Wells School Site. It will end with a celebratory event on Sunday evening. The site was previously used by the Bridgnorth Folk Festival on August Bank Holidays.

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