

Who are we?

Our aim is to increase the amount of children using parks and open spaces in the Bracknell area by offering more play opportunities. The service will operate on an 'open access' principle, which means that children are free to come and go as they please; there is no charge and no registration is required. The sessions will take place all year round, outdoors and in all weather conditions aiming to provide a safe environment to encourage positive risk taking, the opportunity to meet new friends and to take part in projects to enhance community cohesion.

Another part of our role is to work with the children, local communities and Bracknell Forest Council to improve and make better use of provision in parks in particular for 8-13 year olds to encourage children and young people to make better use of their communities and to adopt a respectful attitude towards other park users and the equipment itself.



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Sam Kelsey
(Lead Play Ranger)

Before working for Bracknell Forest, I was employed by Windsor Leisure Centre as a sports and party coach delivering sessions for the leisure centre and off site in local schools. I was also responsible for supervising local parks and areas providing activities and games in the summer holidays. I gained my degree in Sports Coaching Science at Bucks New University and hold awards for play, rugby and football coaching. I also have a BTEC in Music Technology. My hobbies include rugby, snowboarding and reading. I truly believe that the need for children and young people to play for play sake is vital to the development of their social and emotional skills, and the positive impact that play contributes to whole life skills and all round achievement.



Dan Katona
(Play Ranger)

Before Joining the Play Rangers I worked as a project worker for Bracknell Forest's Council Children Centre's. This entailed working with young people (Mainly Under 5's) across the borough engaging children and promoting healthy living and a positive lifestyle to their parents. I am about to embark on my NVQ level 3 in Playwork at Henley College to further my knowledge and improve the service which we provide. In my spare time I work in a tattoo studio where I am fully qualified body piercer and trainee tattoo artist. I am a strong advocate for play and believe fully in the positive contribution to children's physical and social development that outdoor "risky" play has and its impact on the well being of children and young people.

Safeguarding children is a priority within Bracknell Forest Council therefore our Rangers have attended a safeguarding children course and undertaken an Enhanced Criminal Records Bureau check to confirm their suitability to work with your children. They have also attended training in the following areas: Paediatric First Aid, Protecting and promoting the rights of children, Drug awareness and substance abuse and Manual Handling. Our Play Ranger also attend training and network events with other Rangers working across the region.