

Cotswolds District

Holiday Activity & Food Programme

Summer HAF 2024

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Overview

21 different HAF providers offering:

- Forest School
- Sailing, Paddleboarding, Kayaking
- Archery and Bushcraft
- Swimming Sessions
- Circus skills
- Engineering
- Westonbirt, family events
- Youth Festival
- Open access events on parks
- Cinema
- Wildlife Park / Falconry and Gifford Circus
- Open air swimming
- Gymnastics
- Activity Camps



Summer 2024

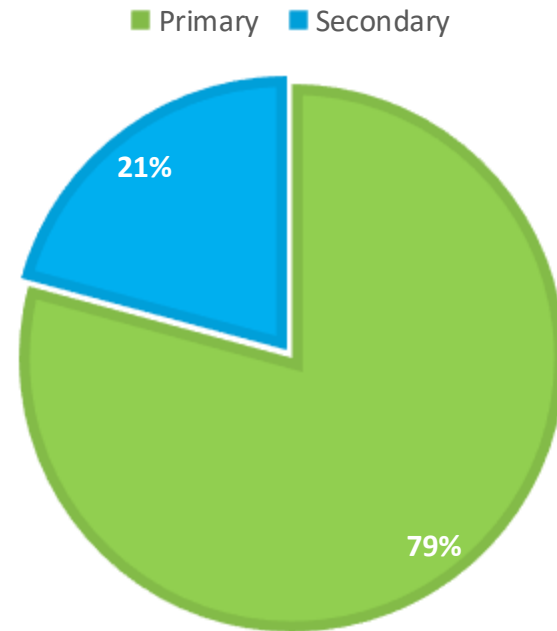


SESSIONS BOOKED / ATTENDED

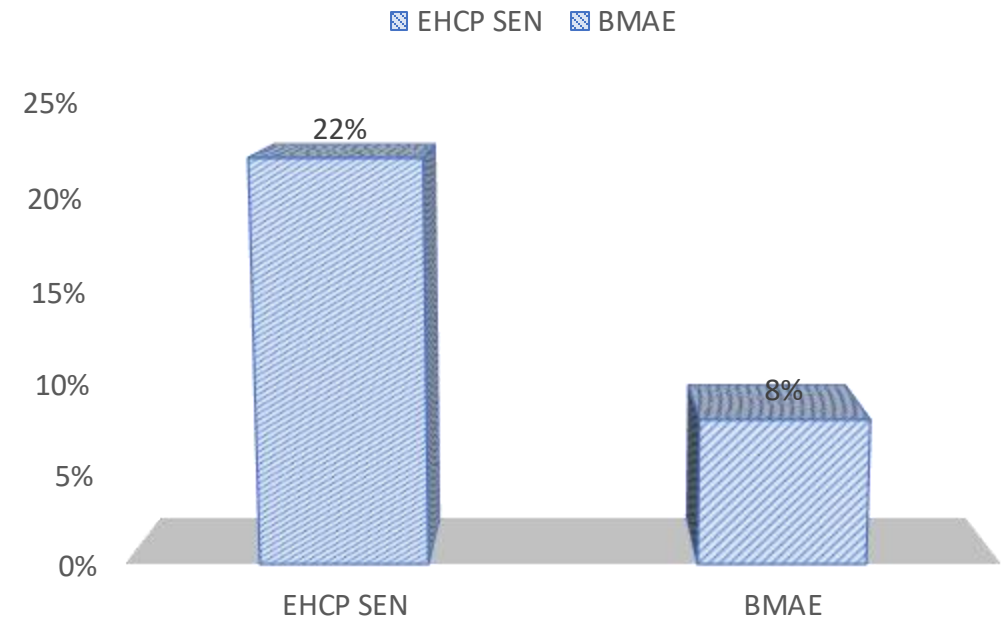
	SUMMER 24	SUMMER 23
Total UP* Booked	2480	2780
Total UP* Attended	2196	2439
Total Sessions Booked	3614	3530
Total Sessions Attended	3019	2764
Total Meals Served	2282	1773
Primary Booked	1506	1791
Secondary Booked	403	498
FSM Participants booked	1583	2010
EHCP/SEN/Disabilities	545	491
BAME	8% (201)	
BAME (including prefer not to say)	18% (457)	565

Statistics for Summer HAF 2024

Age Breakdown



SEND / EHCP / BAME

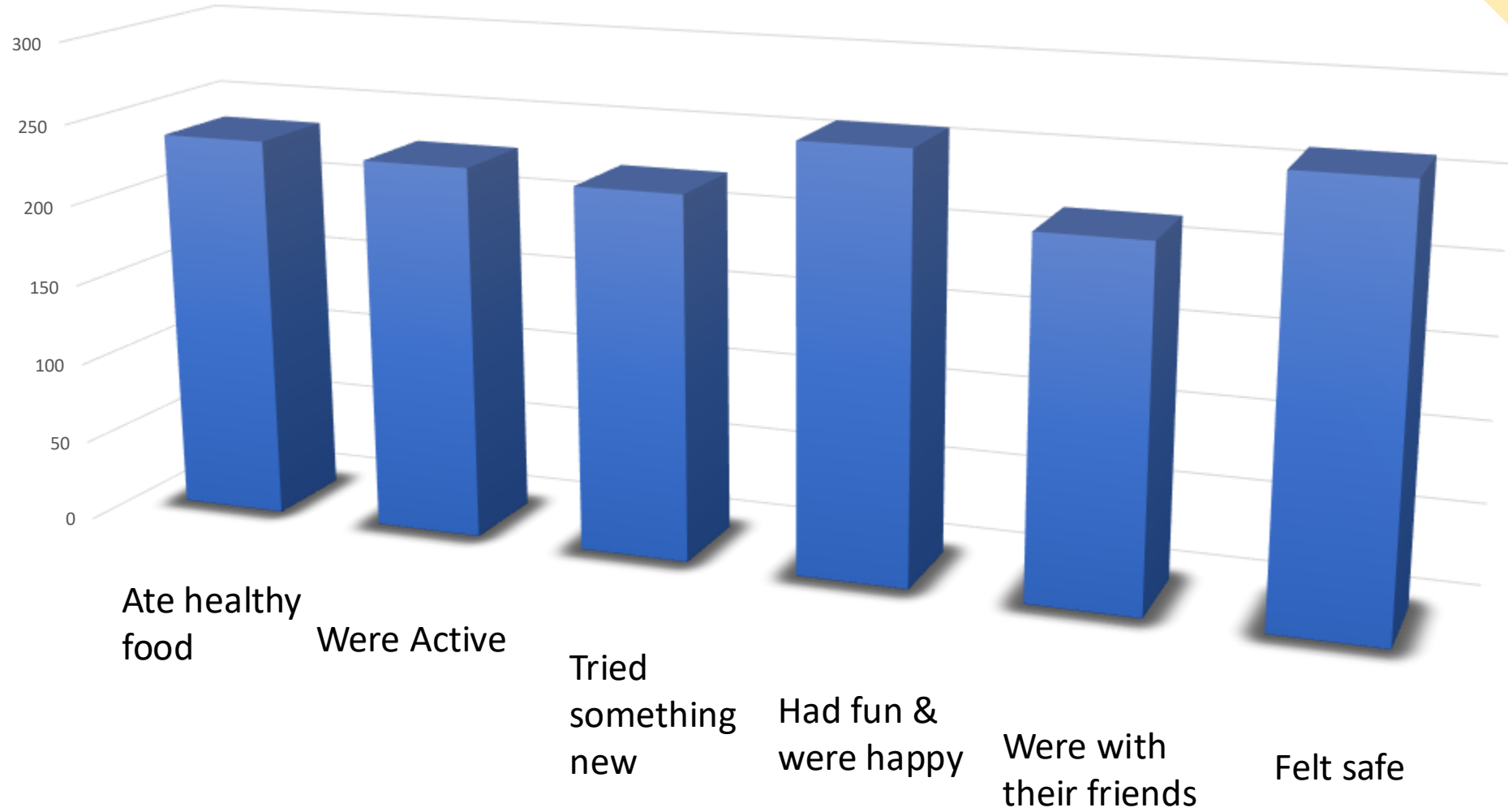


Children's Survey Results

- 995 Total responses
- 714 primary
- 281 secondary



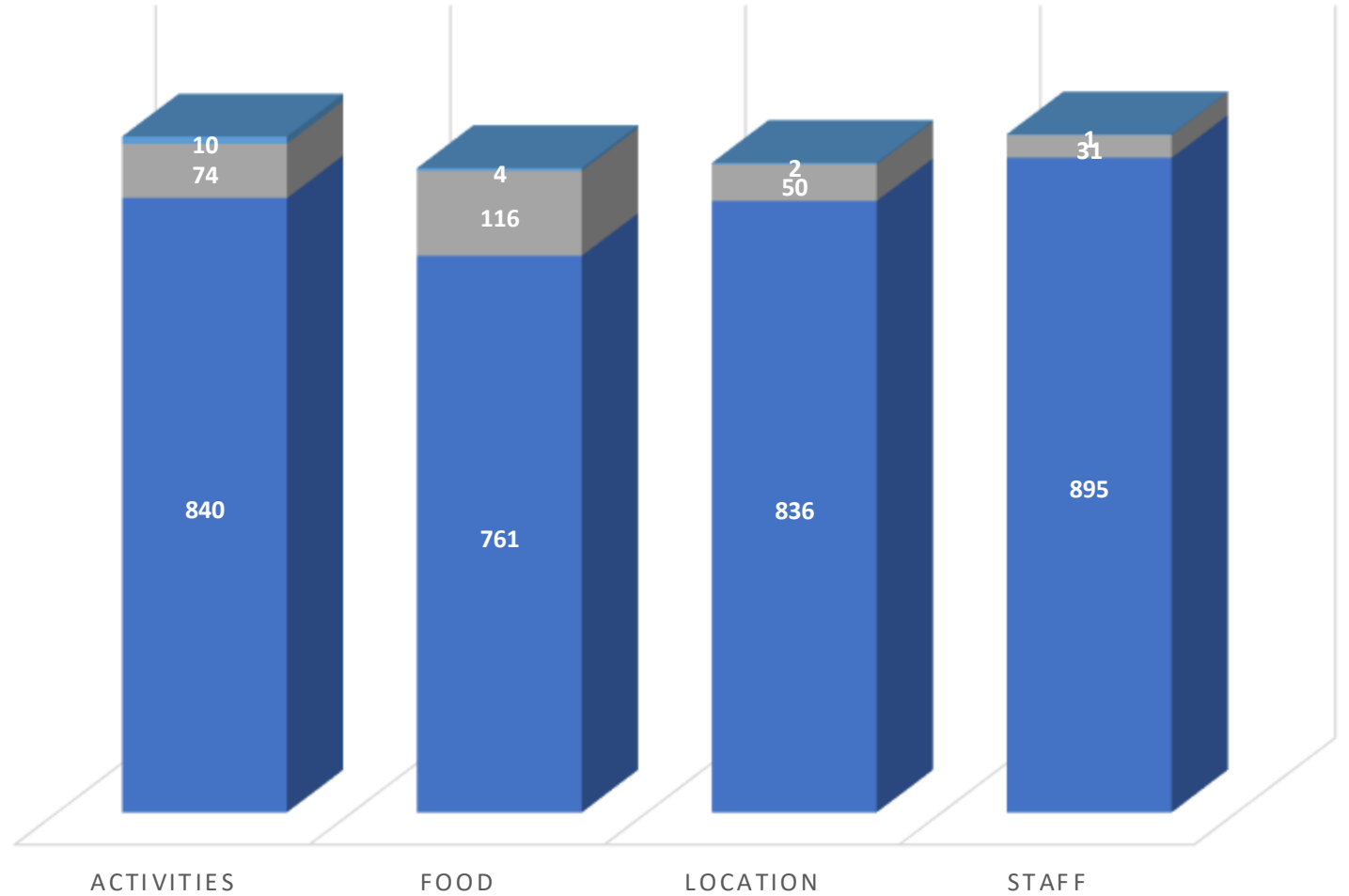
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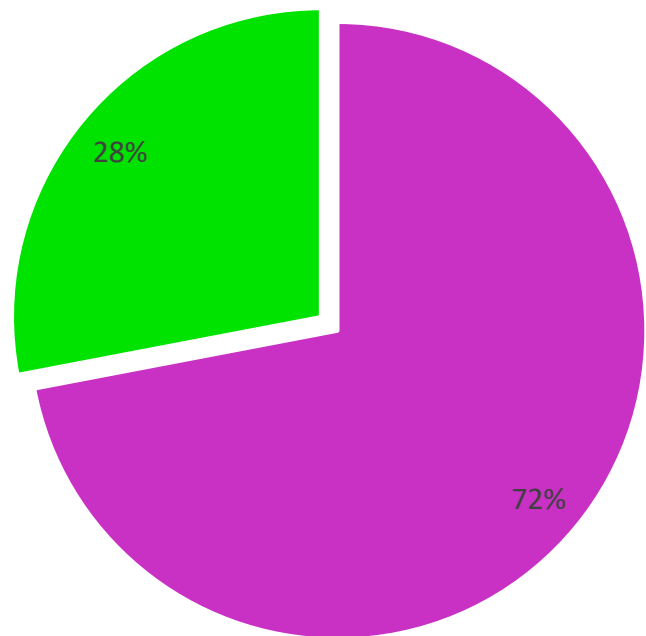
The FACE Questions:

THE FACE QUESTIONS

■ Happy ■ Average ■ Sad



Primary / Secondary breakdown survey responses



■ Primary ■ Secondary

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Star ratings for provision

- 83% of participants rated the provision they attended as Best and 14% Good
- Only 1% rating the provision as Average.



What was the best part of the activity?



Participants had a blast and enjoyed so many different parts of the activities! Here are the main highlights:

1. **Adventure & Fun:** Things like silks, trapeze, kayaking, jumping off jetties, paddleboarding, and woodland adventures (like building dens, starting fires, and making catapults) were big hits!
 2. **Hanging Out with Friends:** A lot of people loved simply being with their friends, whether they were playing dodgeball, exploring the woods, or taking part in group games and talent shows.
 3. **Creativity & Learning:** From juggling, making parachutes, and archery, to arts and crafts, cooking, and woodland art, everyone loved learning new things and getting hands-on.
 4. **Unique & Fun Experiences:** The magic shows, rocket launches, bike riding, tug of war, and slingshot competitions brought a lot of excitement and laughter.
 5. **Food & Treats:** Whether it was making pizza, tasting yummy food, or enjoying meals with friends, the food was a big highlight for many!
- Overall, the best parts were the mix of adventure, creativity, time with friends, and of course, all the fun activities (and delicious food!) that made the experience unforgettable.

If you were not here today what would you be doing?

If participants weren't here today, they shared that they would likely be doing a mix of everyday activities. Here are the most common responses:

1. **Chilling at Home:** 47% of respondents said they'd be relaxing at home, whether that meant watching TV, playing on their phones, or sleeping in. Some mentioned spending time with family, like hanging out with cousins or visiting grandma.
 2. **Gaming & Screens:** 24% of respondents would be playing video games like Fortnite, Minecraft, Roblox, or chilling with their Xbox or PlayStation. YouTube and TikTok were also popular choices for downtime.
 3. **Spending Time with Friends:** 14% of respondents whether playing at the park, riding scooters, or just hanging out, some said they would be with friends if not at the activity.
 4. **Outdoor Fun:** 10% of respondents mentioned they'd be outside playing at the park, riding bikes, or even going fishing with family.
 5. **Creative or Productive Activities:** 5% of respondents would be drawing, making bracelets, reading, or doing schoolwork like Maths Passport or thinking about upcoming exams.
- In short, if they weren't here, most would be at home, gaming, hanging out with family or friends, or be just in front of the TV!



Is there anything that would have made it better?

When asked if anything could have made the day better, most participants felt things were already fantastic, but here are some of the common suggestions:

1. **More Time:** Many participants wished they could have had more time to enjoy the activities, whether it was for swimming, kayaking, sailing, or just extending the overall experience.
 2. **Additional Fun Elements:** Some fun ideas included more gymnastics, treehouses, warmer water, junk food at lunch, or adding marshmallows, music, dancing, and even a water fight or face painting!
 3. **Weather:** A few people mentioned wanting warmer weather, more sunshine, or less wind to make the day even better.
 4. **More Variety:** A couple of participants suggested having more food options or different sandwich bread, while others mentioned wanting to go further out during water activities or have more time on specific equipment.
 5. **Everything Was Great:** A large number of participants said “nothing” or “no” when asked if anything could be improved, with many calling the day perfect, brilliant, or the best thing they've ever done.
- Overall, while a few tweaks like more time and extra fun elements were mentioned, most participants were happy and thought the day was already amazing!



Fire Lighting, Cotswold Forest Schools

Provider Feedback on Survey Process

- Providers requested that all districts give the option of collating group questionnaires, especially if providers are covering the cost of printing. This approach saves time by enabling providers to summarize daily feedback rather than entering individual responses.
- Conducting evaluations in group settings has been efficient, helping to keep children engaged and fostering a sense of community.
- However, there are challenges with attendance, inconsistent form completion by children, and difficulties in coordinating staff to manage the survey process.
- A suggestion was made to send forms to parents for completion with their children to improve response rates



World Jungle Go Wild Bubbles



Parent Feedback

- **Positive Feedback:**

- O loved camp, and the parent appreciated Seth and the team's support.
- HAF offers great opportunities for kids to socialize, try new things, and access food.
- Thank you for organising the amazing circus!! We had a fantastic time!!
- Parents also like that World Jungle events don't require booking, have a variety of activities, and are well supported by the team.
- My son had the best time with these guys today at lake 32 they were amazing
- My daughter had the best today at lake 32 thank you for giving us a chance to experience this she hasn't stopped smiling since we got home it was a wonderful experience and massive confidence booster and great team building skills

- **Improvements Suggested:**

- More events in rural areas, clearer promotion of free events, and an easier booking system.
- Events book up quickly, and children often miss out.
- Parents prefer trips where they can accompany their children.

- **Support Needed:**

- More activities during other holidays and for families, as well as better access to SEN activities.
- Food boxes and hampers were missed.

Parents Forum

- **90 parents on the forum**

Used for:

- Questions
- Feedback
- Communicating with each other
- Promoting other relevant events
- Signposting





Parent Feedback HAF Countywide Festival

😊 One parent who was concerned about animals wandering at the Gloucestershire HAF festival. She did not want to encounter them but was seen later in the same day feeding and grooming a goat! I asked her about this, and she said, 'it's because they are tethered, they're sweet really'. The child of this mother followed her mother's example although hesitant tentatively groomed the goats.

😊 One child said to me 'this is really good; I like the food and the smoothie bike. I made this smoothie for you'.

😊 Being recognised and trusted by parents at the event was fantastic. One parent told me that she hadn't had her summer food vouchers. As GCC were at the event I approached them to ask about this on the mother's behalf. I was able to obtain vouchers immediately for this parent, she said when I gave them to her 'thank you so much, that will really make a difference'. I continue to liaise with GCC about this family not getting their food vouchers

Feeding the Goats



Parent Feedback

Ticketed - Gifford Circus

😊 88% of the children attending said the show was good, 14 families said that they thought all of the show was good and would change nothing. Some families loved different acts such as the main comedy acts or the roller skaters, but the majority liked everything about the show.

😊 I made it in for the second half and the children were so enthusiastic at the show, joining in, laughing and dancing in the ring at the end.

😊 One parent spoke to me at length about her difficulties with gaining a school place for her child and how life as a single parent with a child who has SEND is so difficult. They clearly needed to talk and of course I was happy to listen. During the interval I observed how energetic the child was, struggling to stay in one place and losing interest very quickly. We re-entered the tent together, ensuring that the child was happy with the surroundings, and I sat across the gangway from them in case they needed more help. What I saw was joyful. The child was totally absorbed in the show, on their feet dancing, laughing and responding to requests to shout out or join in from the performers.

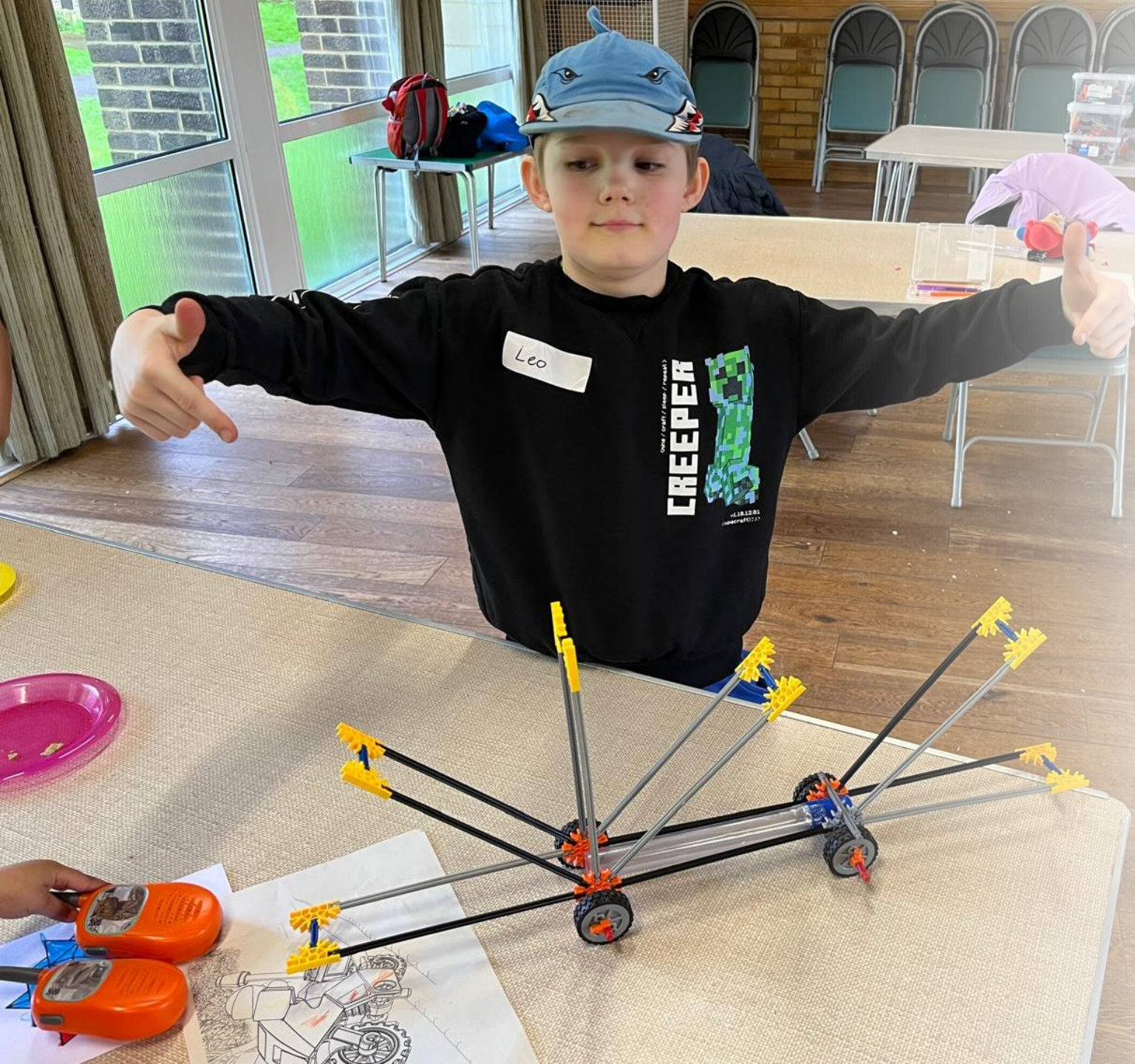
Parent Feedback

SEN – Horses for Wellbeing

😊 One of the children commented 'that owl must be quite frightened, I hope it will be alright'. It was a treat for the children to see such an elusive bird during the day.

😊 'My child who has OCD went on the HAF/SEND Horses 4 Wellbeing Day and absolutely loved it, she said it was 'A very loving place and she felt very welcome'. As a parent I agree they were so welcoming and the venue was fantastic, what an amazing idea.'

😊 I spoke with one parent who was pleased with how things were set up. She felt confident about leaving her children in the care of the staff once she had observed the activities for a while. She said 'I was nervous about leaving my children because they have been badly affected by trauma. I could see though that things were well set up. I am confident about leaving my children in the care of the staff because I can see they are comfortable.'



Parent Feedback SEN - Bloodhound

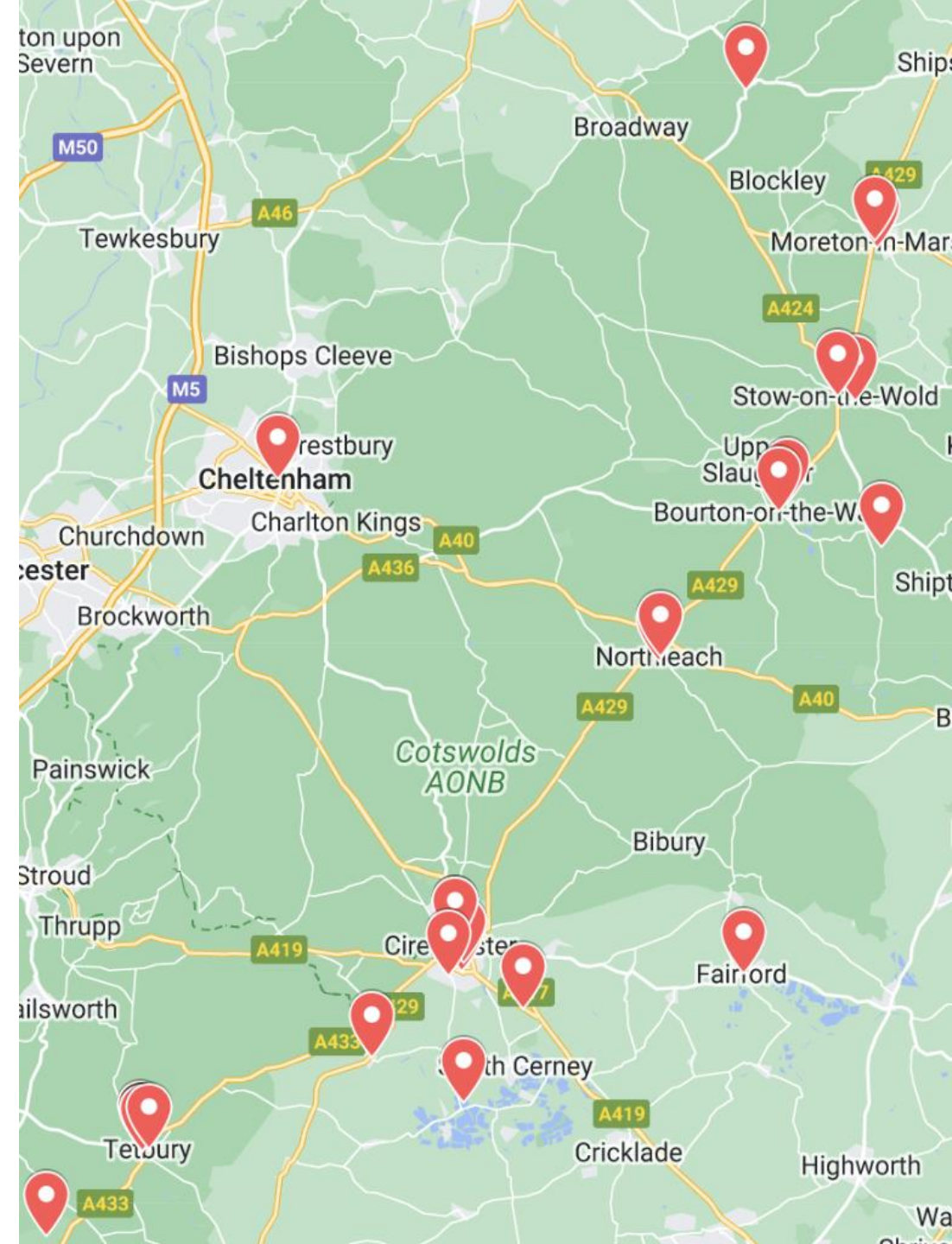
These workshops were structured to make SEN children feel welcome and designed so they could work at their own pace, take time out and all be successful in the activities.

Parent Feedback

- “The sessions are really good fun and a great lunch with healthy options”
- "Fantastic these activities are available to children who wouldn't get the opportunity as parents cant' afford it.
- “Great they can attend with their friends.”
- “We would like to see more SEND sessions.”

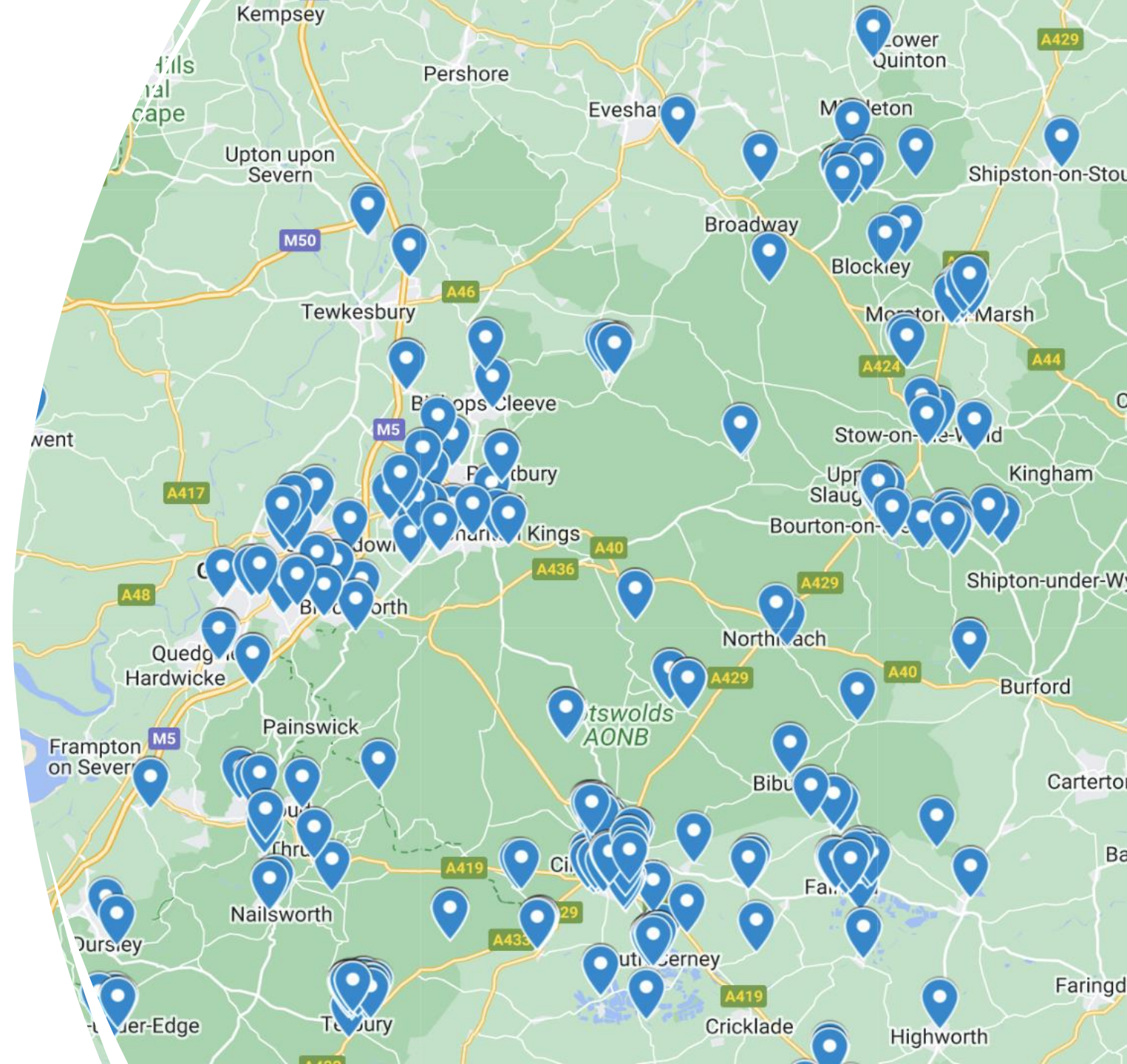
Map of provision in the Cotswolds

- See [Google Map Link](#)
- Broken down into HAF / HAP / Open Access and Family Provision




Individuals by Postcode, School, Gender FSM status Summer 24

[Google Map Link](#)



Community Connectors

Participants engaged Summer 2024



Type	Spring 24	Summer 24
Primary	89	114
Secondary	19	78
HAF	89	152
HAP	17	40
Home Schooled	2	14
ECHP	21	5
BAME	19	19
SEND/Disability	25	45

Community Connectors Feedback

Families were emailed and made aware of links to feedback for sharing positive experiences and any concerns. Feedback was also provided by families through the Cotswold What's App group and through connector focus groups at 4 events.

Families were very positive about the range of provision and pleased to see more SEN activities available. They would like to see events spread over the year rather than lots at one time and there was frustration over no shows, particularly where events were fully booked and a waitlist.

They liked being able to do things in their community with friends and didn't want to send children on trips if they were going to be with people they didn't know. Families found the community connector serve very helpful for all the challenges on making bookings, checking information and especially for those with limited IT knowledge and access to IT. It helped with language barriers.

Lots of families contacted us to say thank you.



Community Connectors Feedback

- Families found booking and searching by phone difficult as not a user friendly format, cannot find info and hard to jump between pages without being timed out.
- The website didn't have a search facility by area or date for them to find things locally in a specific timeframe.
- Frightened to cancel a booking if they have booked several together in case they lost them all, not just one. The confirmation format puts them all together so it looks like one booking.
- GCC suggested they make more tutorial videos for families to watch about how to use CABs. We responded that not many of these families would have the time or skill to do this.
- Number for SEND connector should be on the district pages, not just main GCC website so more families are aware of it.



Youth Pass Pilot

- Event at Phoenix Festival
- 150 young people at WJ activities
- Graffiti
- Circus
- Aerial Rig
- Drumming
- Yoga
- Mindfulness





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