

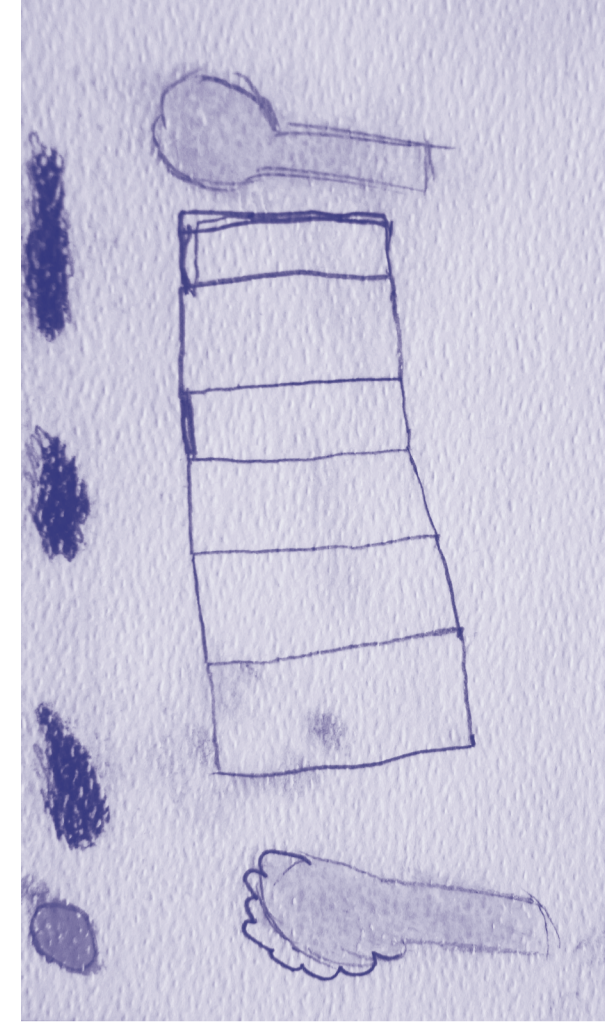
MUSEUM MONTHLY

#1 "dust never hurt anyone"

Welcome to the first Museum Monthly, a newspaper of general interest from the Rossendale Museum. The first six editions of this newspaper will take a look at the way different people in Rawtenstall relate to nature. This edition, 'dust never hurt anyone', is a collage of responses from a group of seven year 9 students at Belmont School.

Initial discussions focused on the much-loved school allotments, before moving on to earth, fire, being outdoors and getting your hands dirty. 'Nature' was not about mountains, forests, lakes or seas, but about more elemental and physical experiences, placed as much in domestic or cultivated settings, as out in the 'wild'. A temporary sculpture garden was built to illustrate some of these ideas.

Thanks to the students for sharing their thoughts with us, and to Orbital Design for sponsoring the project. The next edition of this paper will be published on the 1st of May.



Down the steps - standing up
- on our mountain bikes - on
the dirt track - falling down -
having a laugh



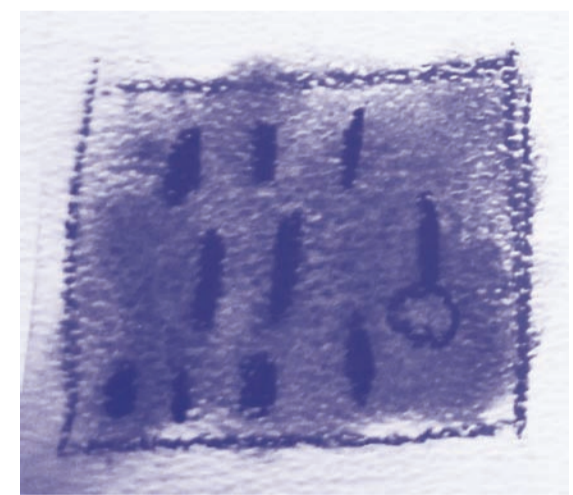
Camping - with my mates - getting
some firewood and building a fire
- on my own - getting away from
my parents



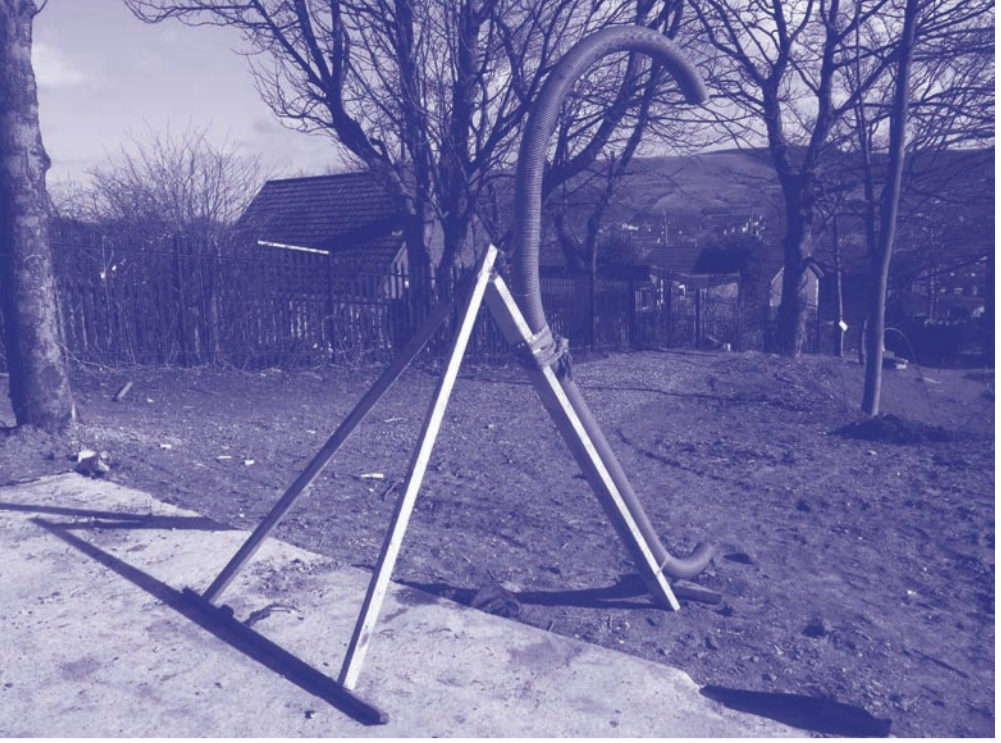
READERS CORNER

How do you relate to nature? What shaped this relationship? What images and texts best describe this relationship? Do you ever collect anything from nature? Why do you do this? If you would like to add something to a future edition of this paper please send your thoughts to kaspar@treacletheatre.co.uk

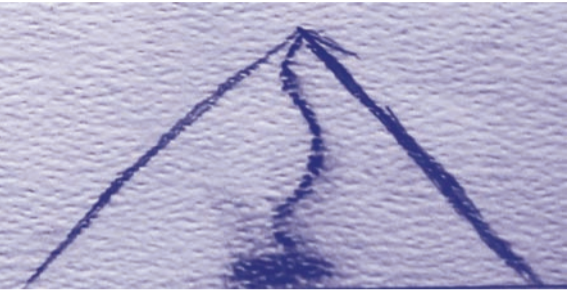
The newspaper of general interest is part of 'New light on old bones', a research project exploring the social history context for natural history exhibits at the Rossendale Museum. More information can be found on the project blog: newlightmanchester.wordpress.com



I go fishing in Manchester
A lot happens in trees



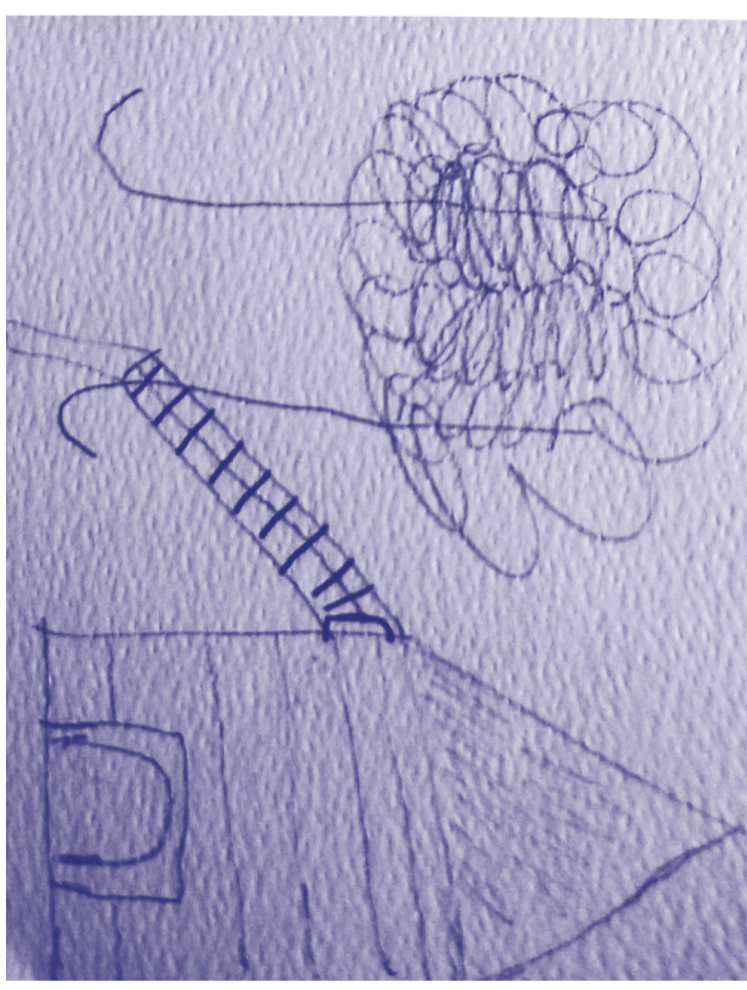
10-12 am
The outside



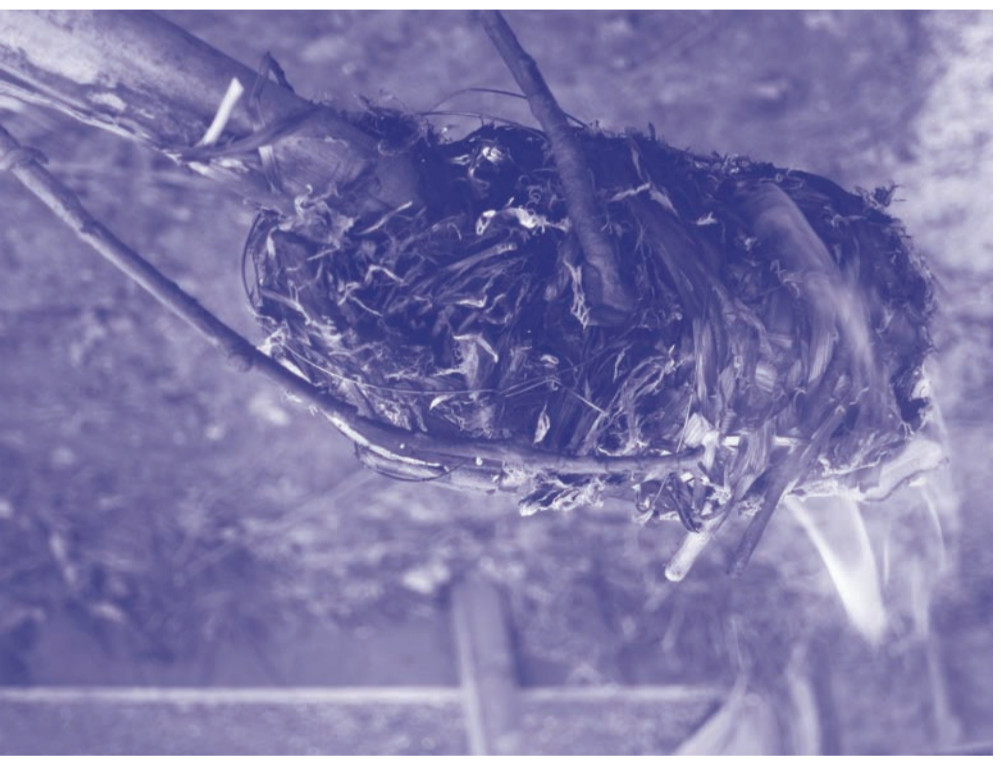
Making a den - digging
a hole in the ground
and covering it with
leaves and branches -
camouflage - hiding in it



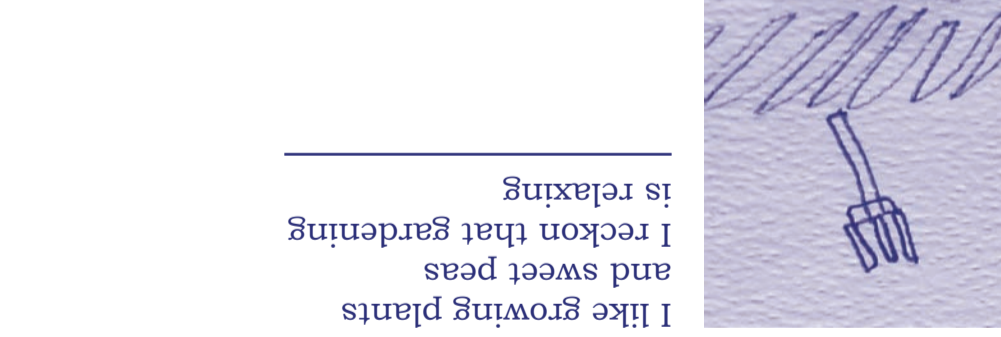
the garden - the farm - the barn - the
mud - animals - fresh air - getting dirty
- manual work - soil and stuff - building
stuff - growing stuff - hands on - giving
me a sense of achievement



cleaning the chickens out -
holding them and feeding
them - their noises are funny
and enjoyable to be around



I like fire - the way it crackles
- the way it's dangerous - the
smoke - you can stick your
stick in it and then swirl it
around



I like growing plants
and sweet peas
I reckon that gardening
is relaxing



I like bugs - because they have
to defend themselves against
bigger creatures



lightning - earth,
fire, wind and
water