

## Shipton Playground Officially Open

Over 300 young and old Wychwood residents greeted the Prime Minister when he arrived to open the new playground at Shipton. He was insistent in walking around the playground before opening it because he said he couldn't open something he hadn't seen.

The formal opening required the Prime Minister to grab a small bulge (A ping pong ball) under blue silky cloth at the top of a large piece of slate. This has been designed and cut by Milton resident, Fergus Wessel, who is an inspired carver.



by several Mums in gratitude! A number of playground experts and grant givers were also present and none could believe what had been achieved. Even Trevor Stewart, the main contractor admitted it was the best playground he had made or seen!

The Playground was financed by grants from WODC, ToE Waste Recycling, The OCC Playbuilder, Chill Out and



The Prime Minister then chatted to children while endless photographs were taken, eliciting responses that 100% liked the new playground and that the favourite equipment was the zip wire. Despite being asked endlessly to try out a piece of equipment he declined because the press would have a field day. After the formal opening, Malcolm Cochrane, the driving force behind the project, admitted he was hugged or kissed



Play Design funds, Short Break Capital Funds and the Shipton Parish Council, local fundraising and donations from local residents.

