



## NEWS RELEASE

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### PHOTOCALL

**Venue:** Tutbury Mill, Tutbury

**Time:** 12.00pm

**Date:** Saturday, July 26th

**Occasion:** Official opening of the new Tutbury Teen Zone by East Staffordshire Mayor, councillor Liz Staples.

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### Tutbury Teen Site Opens in Style

Young people are being invited to Tutbury Mill on Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the newly-opened teen play area.

The teen zone is the first dedicated 'dynamic' play area for teenagers in East Staffordshire.

The play area will be officially opened by East Staffordshire's Mayor, Councillor Liz Staples at 12.00pm, and afterwards teenagers will have the chance to use the equipment and try out other free activities on offer.

The Army Recruitment Team will be there with a climbing wall and assault course for young people to try out.

Other activities include face painting, temporary tattoos and giant Jenga. There will also be a small bouncy castle for younger children to enjoy.

Councillor Staples said: "I am thrilled that the Tutbury teen area is now up and running. This is the culmination of two years of hard work from members of the local community including several dedicated teenagers who have campaigned to raise money for the project. Well done to everyone who has been involved."

The Tutbury Teen Campaign Committee raised around £60,000 to build the teen zone including making successful grant applications to several funding bodies and the scheme was included in the Borough Council's successful bid for the Big Lottery.

Big Lottery Fund, Head of West Midlands Region, John Taylor added: "This funding is great news for the children and young people of East Staffordshire.

"We at the Big Lottery Fund recognise the health, well-being and fitness opportunities that good play facilities can bring and we want to help create safe and imaginative play surroundings.

"Play can often open the door to fitness and sporting interests. I am sure parents across East Staffordshire will be delighted with this Lottery award."

All are welcome to the event but we would ask that you walk to the picnic area or park in Tutbury village as parking is limited.

For more details please telephone the Council's Parks and Countryside team on 01283 508734.

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**Notes for editors:** Press contact on the day will be Corinne O'Hare. She will be available on 07966 342196.

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