

## Village's friendly dragon to get makeover

Families from Uley are being invited to help give the village's friendly dragon a makeover from July 14.

The popular eight-metre long concrete sculpture of a dragon in Raglan Way playground was originally created by the founder of Prema Arts Centre Andrew Wood, 30 years ago. But years of being scrambled over by generations of local children have taken its toll.

Local mum and artist Amanda Griffith and other residents felt the beast was well overdue for a new look, suggesting that the dragon needed new, brightly coloured mosaic scales.

They approached The Learning Community – part of GL11 Community Project - for help in finding the funds necessary. As a result, contributions have come in from Gloucestershire Extended Services, Hydegate Pet Hotel, Friends of Prema, the Wakeham Trust and the children at Uley primary school.

Community artist and specialist mosaic maker David Bowers from Mosaic Madness in Bristol will work with local people during the week beginning July 14 in a series of creative mosaic workshops aimed at encouraging families to work together.

Viv Jones from The Learning Community said: "We were delighted to help find the cash needed to brighten the scales of Uley's famous dragon!"

"The main makeover workshops will take place after school 3-5pm each day from July 14-18, encouraging families to work together. Children will also be involved in other workshops creating stories, poems and songs about the dragon."

Pictured below: The Uley Dragon (as it is before the makeover!)

