



Students show flair for recycling in fine fashion

THERE'S something remarkably sweet about the fashion which has gone on display in a forest near Exeter.

Dresses made from chocolate wrappers and other items, such as crisp packets and ring-pulls, can be seen at the Centre for Contemporary Art & The Natural World (CCANW) at the Forestry Commission's Haldon Forest Park.

Titled Fashion Sweet Fashion it showcases the work of more than 45 students from Devon secondary schools and A-Level colleges.

CCANW's learning programmes manager Johanna Korndorfer said: "The quality of the work that has been submitted by Devon's students is amazing. We have some beautiful pieces that show some incredible imagination and flair for fashion. The aim was to find out how young people interpret sustainability and recycling."

The exhibition will run until March 27.



CREATIVE ENERGY: Clive Adams, of the Centre for Contemporary Art & The Natural World, with dresses from the display

Recycled fashion looks sweet in the forest

A dress created for an unusual fashion show gives a literal take on the old dieter's adage that sweets remain "a moment on the lips and a lifetime on the hips".

The unique garment, made from empty Malteser packets, features in an innovative new exhibition of recycled fashion set in a Devon forest.

Would-be designers from schools and colleges across the county have submitted creations themed around sustainability for the Fashion Sweet Fashion show.

The works will be unveiled at the Centre for Contemporary Art and The Natural World at the Forestry Commission's Haldon Forest Park near Exeter.

It is the culmination of the centre's programme of events for 2010/11 and focuses on the impact of fashion and textiles on people and the environment.

Visitors will see a range of "deconstructed, upcycled and recycled work" in fashion, costumes and textile accessories.

Learning programmes manager Johanna Korndorfer said the "amazing" work was the perfect way to close the season.

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pieces that show some incredible imagination and flair for fashion," she added.

"Some of the students whose work is being displayed will hopefully be helping to curate the exhibition, and we hope that they will find this to be a really interesting experi-

ence." Schools taking part include Queen Elizabeth Community College, Sidmouth Community College, Plymstock College, The King's School, Tiverton High School, Axe Valley Community College and Newton Abbot College.

Teachers spoke of their pride at the work undertaken and described the show as a "rare and exciting experience for all involved".

The show runs from Saturday, March 12 until 27 with a launch event on Sunday, March 13.

A dress made from sweet wrappers is one of the items on display at Haldon forest, Exeter