

Furnishing new uses for the Echo

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A GROUP of artistic Exeter school-children have found a novel way of re-using old copies of the Echo — by transforming them into chairs.

Around a dozen youngsters from Magdalen Court School, in Victoria Park Road, have been studying paper as part of their design and technology lessons.

Using sticky tape and old copies of the Echo, they have built their own chairs strong enough for them to sit on.

The school's head Jeremy Bush-

rod said it had been an "excellent recycling project". He added: "We thought that after we had read our Express & Echo from cover to cover, we must do something with them to preserve them for posterity.

"The project came about following discussions with the children about how easy it was to tear a piece of paper, but also how strong paper could be as a material.

"The simple idea was to build a chair a third of a metre high which would have the capability of taking your own weight.

"The children had to test their own chair by sitting down on it and

putting their legs out straight. Some of the chairs are very artistic and worked very well. Others were not so successful.

"The children were only allowed to use sticky tape to put the chairs together with."

Mr Bushrod said youngsters at the St Leonard's school were interested in paper-folding and even ran their own club in the craft.

He added: "We have a lad who is a skilled exponent of origami.

"He makes absolutely amazing things out of paper, including beetles, which are incredible to look at."



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