

sations gave their practical support to the fete and I thank all the people who helped to make the event such a success in raising more than £2,300."

RIGHT TRACK: A trip on the Lions Club train is enjoyed at the Friends of Frome Victoria Hospital annual fete held in Victoria Park on August 14

Picture submitted

Parents given access to nursery's webcam

By Wayne Cornish

A FROME nursery has become one of the first in the country to install a new webcam facility which allows parents to monitor their children while they are at play group.

The Butterfly Pre-school, which is based on the Marston Trading Estate, has decided to install the NurseryCam facility.

The new initiative comes a week after a BBC1 documentary, Nurseries Undercover, exposed three nurseries which had been mistreating and neglecting their children.

Nicki Hockedy, the owner of Butterfly Pre-School, said: "Unfortunately, as the BBC documentary illustrated, there are some bad nurseries out there, and we are proud of the fact we are not one of them.

"Our new system benefits the parents and children, and good nurseries have nothing to hide.



CHILD MONITOR: Nicki Hockedy, of Butterfly Pre-school in Frome, which has installed a webcam facility for parents to monitor their children

PICTURE: Tim Baker 09537-35

"We have always had an open house policy at the nursery and parents are welcome to visit and join in whenever they want, but some par-

ents do not have the opportunity because of work commitments.

"This system is great because a parent can keep a constant eye on

their child and how they are being treated while still at work.

"The members of staff are more than happy to be watched as they have nothing to hide."

Dr Melissa Kao, director of NurseryCam, said: "The BBC documentary caused a lot of anxiety among parents and after the programme, we received 65 enquiries from nurseries and more than 800 from parents.

"We launched last year and now there are 98 nurseries across the country which have installed our system.

"NurseryCam can be watched from anywhere with internet connection and soon parents could also watch it through their colour screen mobile phones.

"Logging in for a few minutes a day not only brings peace of mind but also the ability to see your child pottering around and playing."

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● What do you think about the nursery's plan? See page 10

CDs grab

FROME: Compact disc stolen from a Vauxhall Corsa parked in Cyprus hours of Saturday night.

An attempt was made to steal the compact disc.

Hammer

COLEFORD: A man on the left upper arm of a man wielding a hammer in the car park of the Legion last Friday.

Controls

FROME: A concrete mixer was stolen from the Homes site in Victoria Park on Sunday night.

Theft from

FROME: The off-side door of a VW Polo parked in the street was smashed and contained boxing gloves.

Bins over

FROME: Planters and bins overturned outside the house at Wessex Field on Saturday night.

Bicycles

FROME: Two bicycles stolen from outside the house on the way last Friday.