

Show is a roaring success for little monsters

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THE Little Monster Baby and Toddler Show at Ashton Gate was roaring success, according to visitors and organisers.

Hundreds of parents flocked to the show with their little monsters to browse the dozens of stalls, buy some of the wares on offer, pick up some free samples and take part in the activity sessions.

Vicky Kelly, aged 29, and her fiancé Brian went along to the show with Brian's daughter Caitlin and their son Oliver.

Vicky said: "I only found out about the show on the day when one of the mums from my ante-natal group texted me to say it was on.

"It's great because there's free samples and face painting, balloon shows and a bouncy castle for Caitlin."

Ben Darlington, 35, from Clevedon, went to the show with his partner Jane and their 11-month-old daughter Mia.

He said: "Some of our family members were going so we thought we would check it out.

"We thought it was really good, especially the baby signing and singing sessions they had."

Rebecca Kelly, 25, from Lockleaze, went to the show with her daughters Jayda, four, Ramaea, two, and their friend Samaya, who is seven.

Rebecca said: "What is good about an event like this is that there are so many different companies in one place. You do not have to run around all over the city to find the things you want."

Two Bristol companies that featured on the BBC Television series *Dragon's Den* had stalls at the show.

Rob Law, who is the managing director of



Family fun: Left, Louise Staniaszek and her daughter Ella, four, try out the limited edition 'Frieda' Trunki. Above, Sharon Pavey and her daughter Natasha, six, at the Little Monster Baby and Toddler Show at Ashton Gate

children's luggage company Trunki, was at the show.

He said: "We came along last year and we came back this year because these shows are great fun.

"From our perspective it is a good opportunity to get

consumer feedback as well. We have just launched a 2008 limited edition Trunki, Frieda, which is designed like a cow.

"They are going down really well and were a best seller at the show.

Polly Marsh, from Bishopston, co-founder and a director of the Cuddledry company, which sells special baby and toddler towels, said: "We are a local company and it's nice to meet local customers face to face.

"We sell out of Mothercare World and Babies R Us now and we sell at Born on Gloucester Road as well as other places. It is going really well and we sold nearly everything at the show within several hours."