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Schools 'Biodiversity' ideas:

At Boroughbridge High School alongside the existing wildlife and wetlands area the school grounds have been improved after a group of Year 10 students secured a grant of £1000 from the Big Boost Fund, part of the Prince's Trust. Part of the grant went towards the construction of a vegetable plot, which has provided tomatoes, chillies, sweetcorn, lettuce and beetroot.

To help the garden compostable waste at school is collected up from the kitchens, staff room and food technology room.

The gardeners have also been involved in the local community, and have planted out a memorial garden within Boroughbridge cemetery.

The Secret Garden Gang at New Park Primary School have been lent a piece of land which they transformed into a Secret Railway Garden attracting wildlife and improving the habitat.

Oatlands Junior School dug a new pond, rejuvenated willow structures and created an environmental garden area to encourage wildlife.

At St Aidan's CE High School students, with the help of Design and Technology staff, have built and put up 20 bird boxes in school grounds.

Pupils at St Wilfrid's RC Primary School studied bees, had a visit from an expert from the Harrogate Bee Keepers Association and planted wild flowers in the school grounds to attract bees.

Saltergate Junior School have a vegetable garden in the school grounds, they planted new trees and the wildlife area features examples of 'Green Art'. They created and widely performed a play on endangered species explaining what action we can take.

The wildlife Garden at Moorside Infant School, Ripon, inspired activities across the whole school. The school held three fun filled Action Days where members of the local community helped reconstruct the wildlife area to include a willow tunnel and a wildflower meadow. Minibeasts and birds will be attracted to the revamped rose bed.

Other events included an 'Ugly Bug Ball', when the children dressed up as all sorts of wild creatures. The whole school has also taken part in the national RSPB 'Bird Watch Week' and the 'Break Out' National School Grounds Week.

Coppice Valley and Saltergate Junior Schools sowed wildflower seeds around their school grounds.

All Saints' Primary School renovated an overgrown area of land into a productive fruit and vegetable plot, in which the children are growing everything from strawberries to radishes. As well as attracting more birds with the restored garden and pond, they have also set up a bird feeding station.

St Wilfrid's RC Primary School, Ripon undertook a 'bird box project' which involved designing, building and siting bird boxes in the school grounds, as well as researching the birds themselves.



St. Aidan's High School's student Eco-committee spent a lot of time improving the wildlife area, and has produced a poster campaign to encourage others to be environmentally friendly.

Want to find out more?

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