

Regaining Paradise



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The area I have chosen to explore is a woodland area in Llanelli. This is an area I am familiar with through woodland walks with the children, however, have always been weary of the litter in the area. Continuously worrying about what the children may pick up, through the negligence of others. While exploring the area the first thing I noticed was the litter, on further inspection it was evident that there are regular fires in the wood and the broken glass suggests alcohol is consumed on doing so.

Discover



It dawned on me that the first thing I noticed in the woodland was the negative.

Once I sat and explored the area further, I was able to see the real beauty in this woodland. The song of the birds, the wind blowing in the tree, the peace it brings and the wonderful trees and plants that surrounded me.

I knew that the problem was bad. The first thing we should notice in these areas is the beauty. I wanted change. I decided that the litter should be cleared and accessible food should be available for the birds to help them in their environment.

Explore

On entry to the woodland there were signs stating no alcohol should be consumed in the area, however multiple smashed bottle were found inside the woodlands.



Mae'r ardal hon yn ddarostyngedig i
Orchymyn Diogelu Mannau Agored Cyhoeddus
The area is subject to a
Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO)

Yn yr ardal hon, mae'n
drosedd i wneud y canlynol:

(parhau) i yfed alcohol pan ofynnir
i chi baidio â gwneud hynny, neu
wrthod llidio unrhyw alcohol.

Methu og lido eitemau sy'n
ymmwneud â chyffuriau pan
ofynnir i chi wneud hynny.

Gall mudiad i chyffuriau gael ei arestio.
Llocheswm mudiad hysp at £1,000

Yn eiddo'r awdurdod hon, mae'r Orchymyn Diogelu Mannau
Agored Cyhoeddus (PSPO) yn ddarostyngedig i'r Act o 2014
am ymddyddio'r awdurdod hon.



Within this area it is an
offence to:

Continue to drink alcohol when
asked not to, or to refuse to
surrender any alcohol.

Fail to surrender drug
paraphernalia when requested
to do so.

Failure to comply may lead to fines.
Maximum penalty up to £1,000

For further information on the PSPO
visit www.southwales.gov.uk

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This is a danger to the public, children, dogs and the wildlife that live in this habitat.



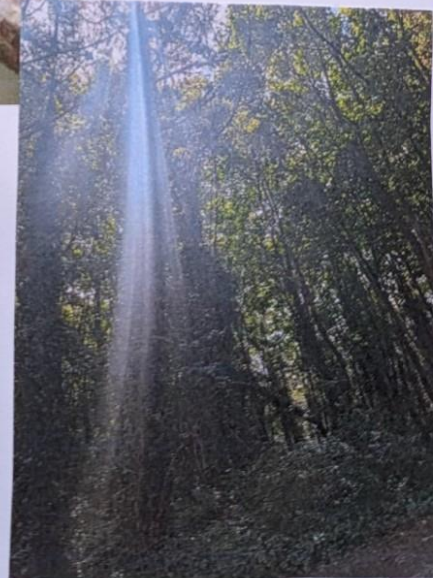
The sign on display is an official public spaces protection order, under the anti-social behaviour, crime and policing act 2014. Meaning fines can be handed out for these offenses, although clearly these warnings are ignored.



What Can be seen?



When I looked up, I saw
nature in it's beauty,
the trees, the glow of
the sun, the birds
flying, beautiful flowers.
It was a vision of
untouched Nature.



However....

In the places where human hands can reach. The area was destroyed. There was evidence of multiple fires, chopped wood, litter and glass. An environment not suitable for the beautiful creatures within it.



Facts about littering

Littering is ILLEGAL!!

Litter decomposition takes a long time.

Plastic makes up most Litter.

Litter is a fire hazard.

Litter endangers wildlife.

Litter can be mistaken for food to the wildlife.

Litter can lead to soil, water and air pollution.

⊘ DO NOT LITTER ⊘

What else lives here?

Caterpillars



Perfect food
for birds!

Ants



Millipede



Gnats



Spiders



Worms



Fire Fumes Can harm
birds.

Smoke from
Wildfires and
Cigarettes Can
Compromise bird
Navigation, health
and respiratory
Systems.



Birds are more sensitive to air pollution than
humans.

How litter impacts the environment

Litter can stunt
plant growth

Litter can Kill
wildlife

Animals can
become tangled
in litter

Litter can Spread
diseases

Animals can eat
litter and then starve
due to their stomachs
feeling full

Litter pollutes
water, soil and
air

What you should
find in the
woodlands.....



What you do
find in the
woodlands....

Cadbury
ANIMALS

Cadbury
ANIMALS

MINI BISCUITS
HALF COVERED WITH
MILK CHOCOLATE (21 %).

**DID YOU
KNOW?**

THE HIPPO IS THE
SECOND HEAVIEST
LAND ANIMAL (AFTER
THE ELEPHANT)

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ADABLE

gelly bottoms

BIODEGRADABLE
fragrance

CHIFFON

& FLO
Exclusively at
TESCO

Made from
100% plant
based fibres

INDIVIDUALLY
FINGERS

43g
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UNION
FLAVOUR

6 x 24g e

Image not representative of actual size



Conserve



I decided that
the area needed
a deep litter clean.

However it was
such a big job I
knew I needed help.

I shared my idea with
my son who said
him and his friends
would love to help.



We went to explore
the area again, together.

The children were
really passionate about
wanting change and to help
the wildlife.

I decided bird feeders would
contribute to making this environment
sustainable.

Children are the future, their voices matter! Here are some things they said when exploring the environment.....



'I want to make a change' - Aged five

'We need to look after the planet' Aged six

'Nature makes me happy; I like hearing the birds, litter makes me sad' - Aged six



'Litterers are robbers, taking from the earth, and litter goes in the bin' - Aged four

'I want to help clean up the mess' Aged four

'I want to make a change' - aged five

'This is my religion' -aged five

'I want to love the planet and make a difference' -aged six

Why is there so much litter? Who has been littering? Why would they litter? It's not good for the animals' Aged four



Rules

As young children
were helping, I made
sure they had some
rules to keep them safe.



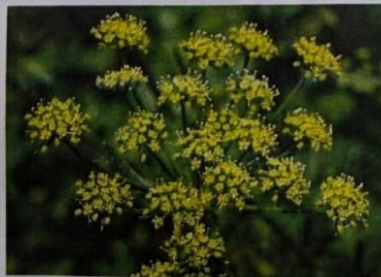
If it's sharp or broken
DO NOT PICK IT UP



If it's smelly, **DO NOT TOUCH IT!**



Even if it looks delicious
DO NOT TASTE ANYTHING



If you don't know
What it is

DO NOT TOUCH IT, CALL AN ADULT



Orange bird feeder

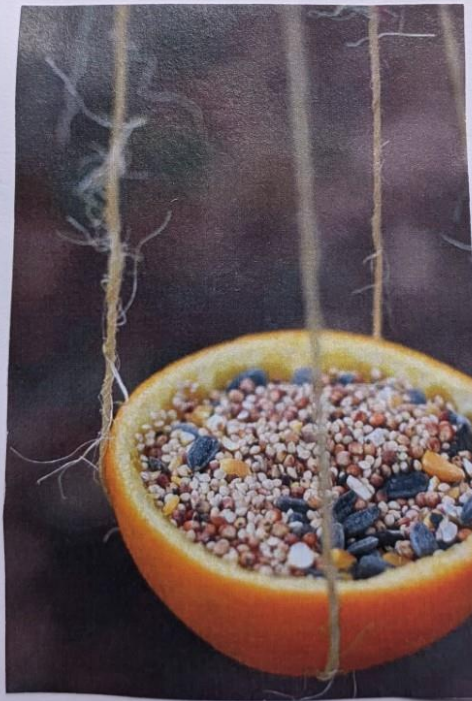
1. Slice the fruit in half and hollow out the inside.

2. poke several holes around the perimeter



3. Feed string through the holes so the orange bowl hangs evenly.

4. Create a loop at the top.



5. Fill orange with bird feed and hang off a tree for the birds.

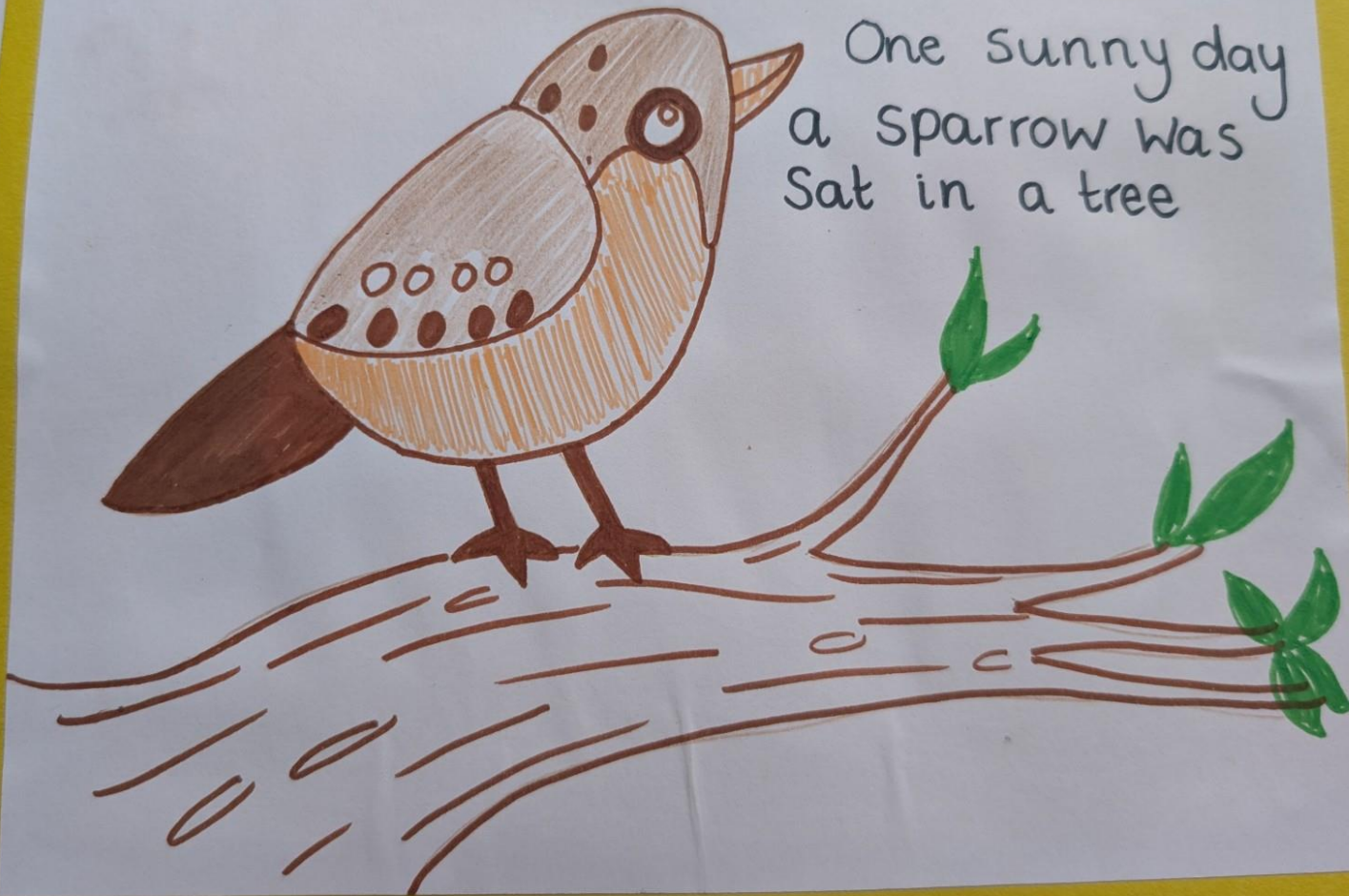




A short story I wrote about a little
sparrow and the litter in his environment.

THE LITTLE SPARROW

One sunny day
a sparrow was
sat in a tree



He started to
look for some food.



On Monday he found one empty
Crisp packet, but no food.



On Tuesday he found two
empty cans. But no food.



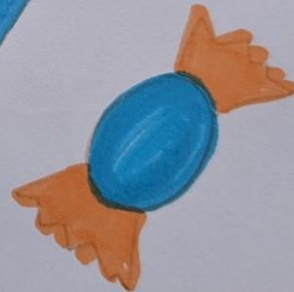
On Wednesday he found three
Chocolate wrappers, but no food.



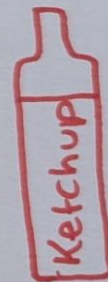
On Thursday he found four
ice-cream wrappers, but no food.



On Friday he found five
sweet wrappers, but no food.



On Saturday, he found one lollipop stick,
one glass bottle, one cake wrapper, one
chip container, one tin, one plastic bag
and one plastic bottle.



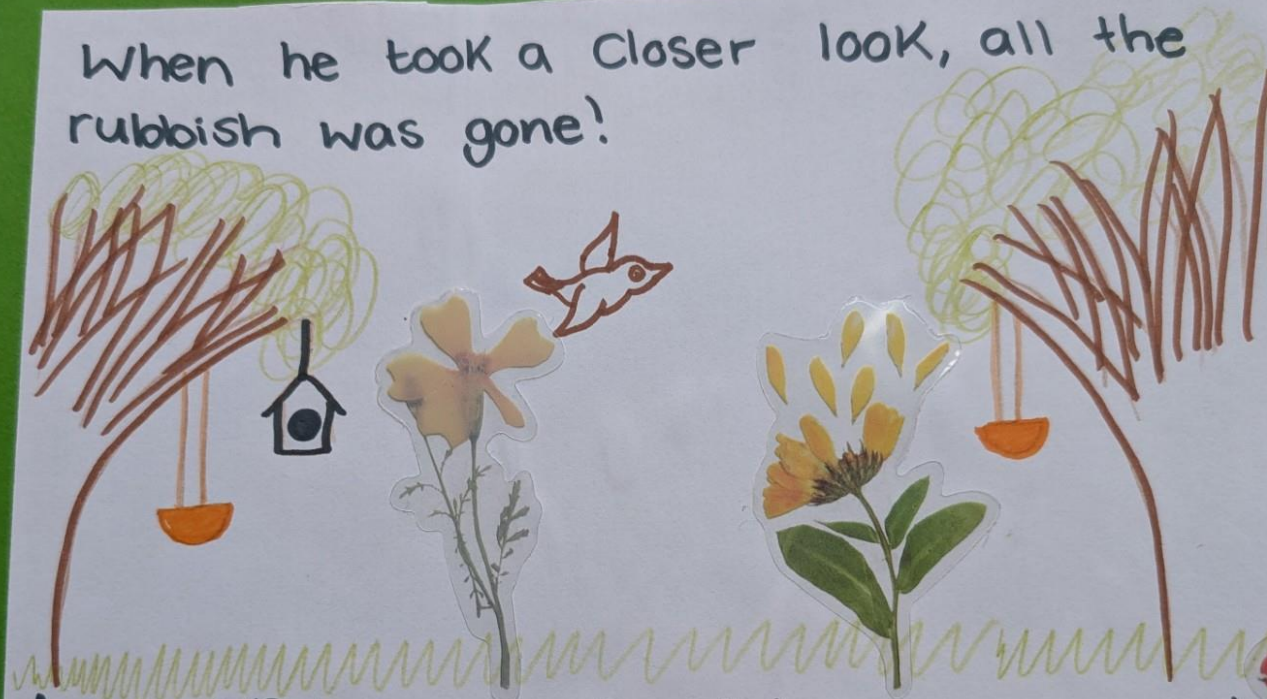
That night, Sparrow felt sad!



The next day was Sunday again
Sparrow found one nice bird seed



When he took a closer look, all the rubbish was gone!



A wonderful group of children who wanted to make a change, cleared the rubbish, gave the sparrow food and a new home!





The sparrow had a beautiful
new home! He was happy again.



The children helped clear
all the litter from the
Woodland area.

The environment was
cleared, making it more
beautiful and a better
home for wild animals.

The
environment
was shown
love and
care.

CONGRATULATIONS!

This award recognizes

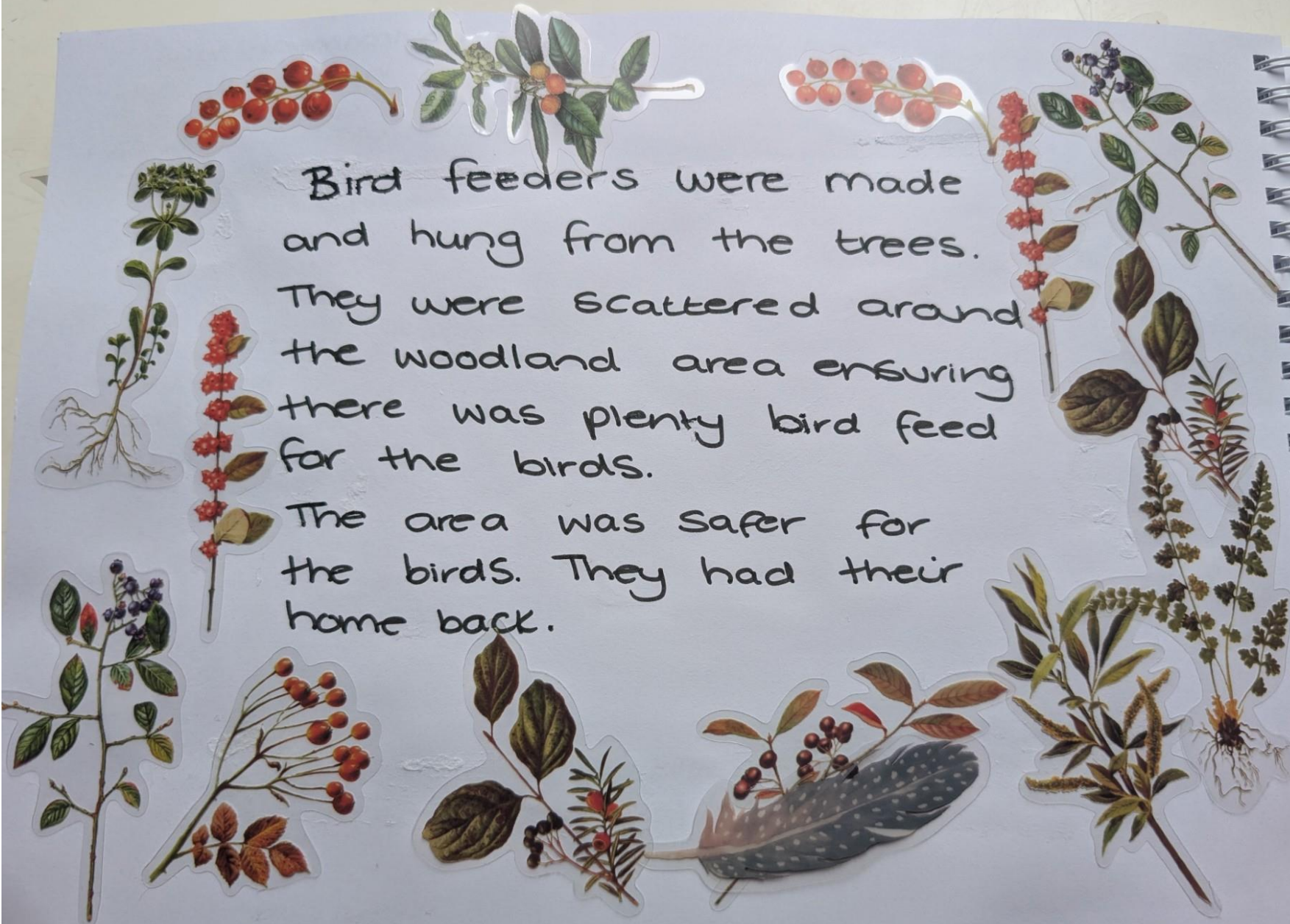
The little John Muir helpers

For being a good example and taking responsibility
for keeping our planet green.

The birds
were safer
and had
plenty food.



The children were given an
award for their amazing help.



Bird feeders were made
and hung from the trees.
They were scattered around
the woodland area ensuring
there was plenty bird feed
for the birds.

The area was safer for
the birds. They had their
home back.

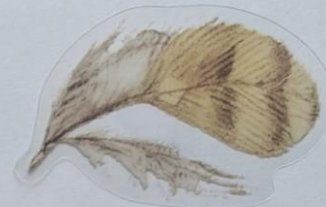
without birds eating
insects there could be
a loss of crops and trees.
Insect infestations are deadly
to plants.

How birds help
the environment

Birds bring plants
back to ecosystems.

They carry plants
and seeds
to new land
masses.

Birds help shape
plant life.



When I stopped to observe the area
I spotted some butterflies.

These are some woodland butterflies that
could be found.

Woodland white



Small tortoiseshell



peacock
butterfly



Large blue



Holly blue



Orange tip



painted lady



Share



I was able to share what I was doing with, family friends and my children's friends.

Everyone involved has asked to make this a regular activity. Sharing this experience has been magical. Clearing the enthusiasm from others and then coming together to make a change.



The outcome of this John Muir award will also be shared in a presentation with my lecturer and classmates.

I also made a video of the environment before it was cleared and shared this with people to encourage and motivate others to make change to nature.

