



“Mr Bee,
What’s
behind the
tree?”

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With help from her two boys.

This is a true story of a family who moved from a small house in the city with a very small garden, to a huge house in the countryside with what felt like the biggest garden ever. There in amongst all the trees lived a very friendly bee.

Hi I'm Mr Bee.
What garden do you
think I would like?

Old Garden



New Garden

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One day ,June the mother and her two boys, Beau and Blake went exploring the nature reserve Mr Bee took them too. They walked through curiously to see what the nature reserve was like, and to their surprise it was breathtakingly beautiful. There was so many varieties of trees, plants, and shrubs, insects, birds, all different shapes, sizes and colours.

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Within the tall trees sat a beautiful lake, surrounding it was an array of birds, bees, butterflies, dragonflies, teripins and squirrels. They all looked so free and happy there.

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A mummy duck was swimming with her many ducklings trailing behind her. Quack, Quack, Quack went the baby ducklings.



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Blake turned to his mummy and asked, “mummy where do all the animals and creatures get their food from?” Beau his older brother said to him “I’ve been learning about this in school, all different animals, creatures and plants live off different plants, insects, fish and their surroundings”.



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This made Blake even more curious as he was watching closely all around him.



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Yes! said mammy.



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When June and the boys got home, the boys went straight out in their new garden to explore and see what they could find. To Their surprise at the bottom of the garden they found a large toad under a rock. Not knowing the toad was alive the boys screamed when Mr Toad jumped up. Ahhhhhh was all June heard and she ran to see what it was all about. When she seen Mr Toad, she explained that due to them now living so close to several lakes, ponds and streams within the Nature reserve they are likely to get frogs and toads in the garden.

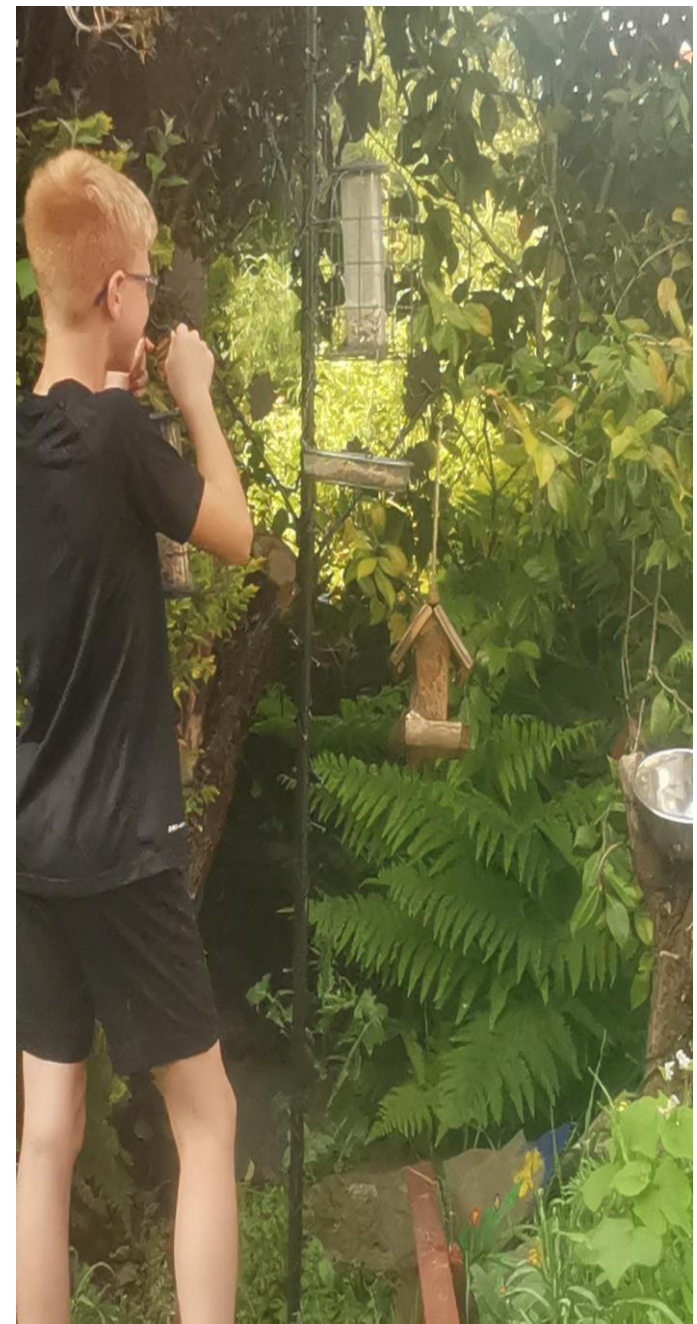


First thing they needed to do was clear an area to make a wildflower garden to attract as many bees and butterflies as possible, June advised both boys not to scare the bees as they had a particularly important job collecting pollen.



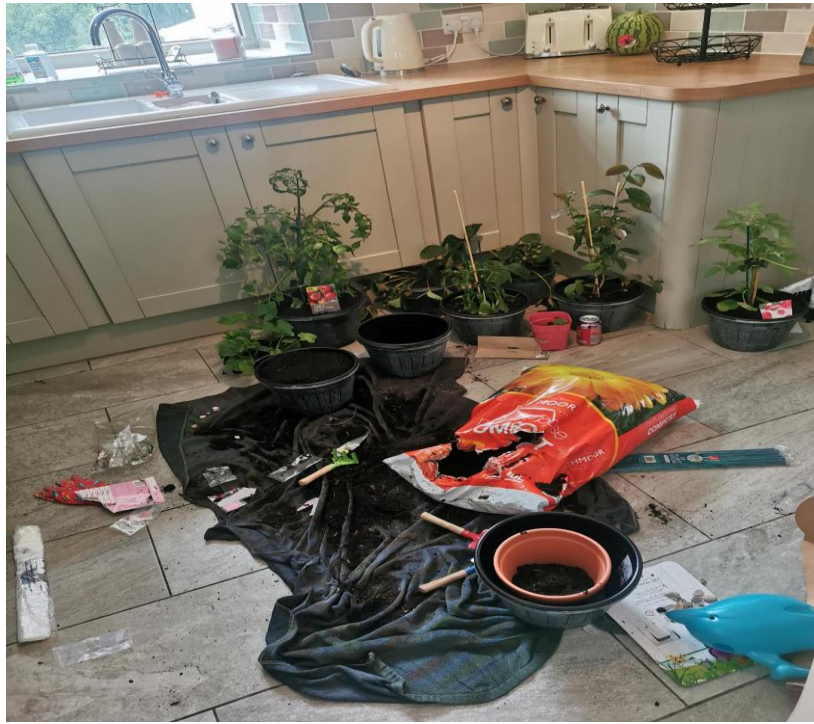
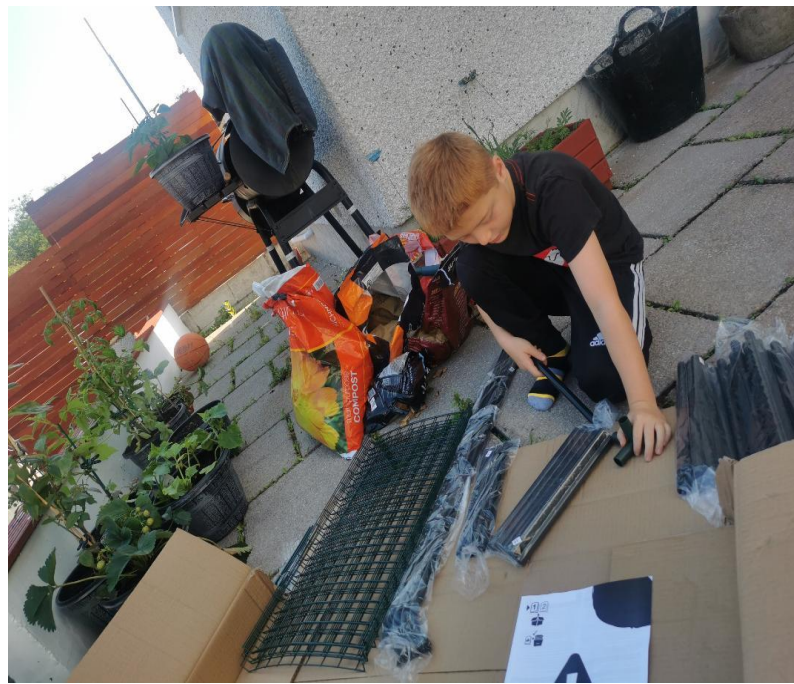


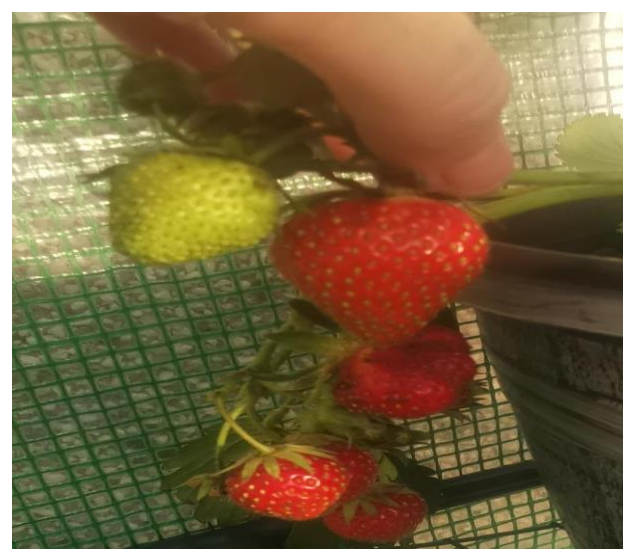
Next to the wildflower bed they added a Water bath and lots of bird feeders. Beau put lots of different foods at different levels, this included a bird house if they wanted to make a nest.



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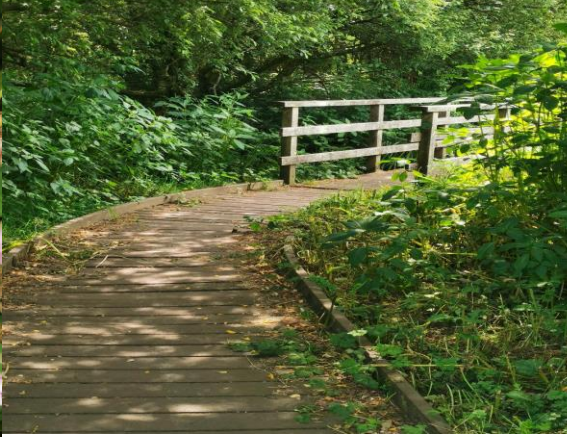
Blake also asked for a small greenhouse, where the whole family have joined in to try growing their own fruit and vegetables.





They grew peppers, tomatoes, blueberries, strawberries and coriander and basil.

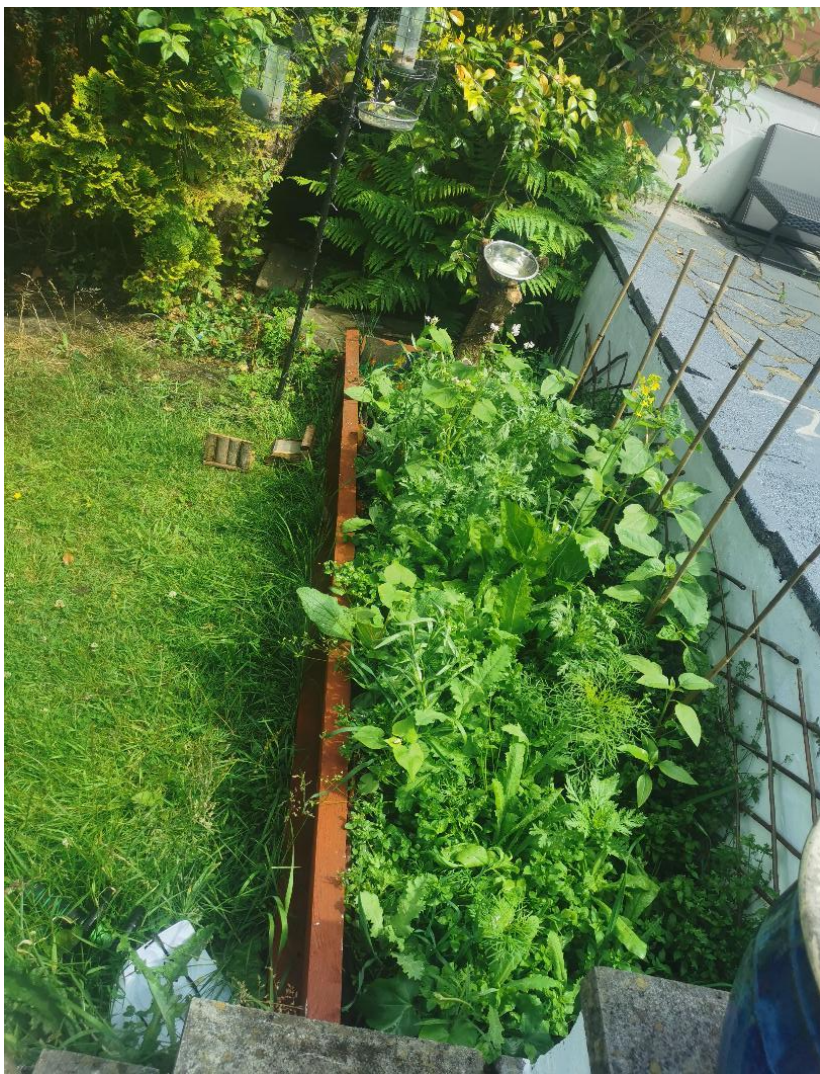
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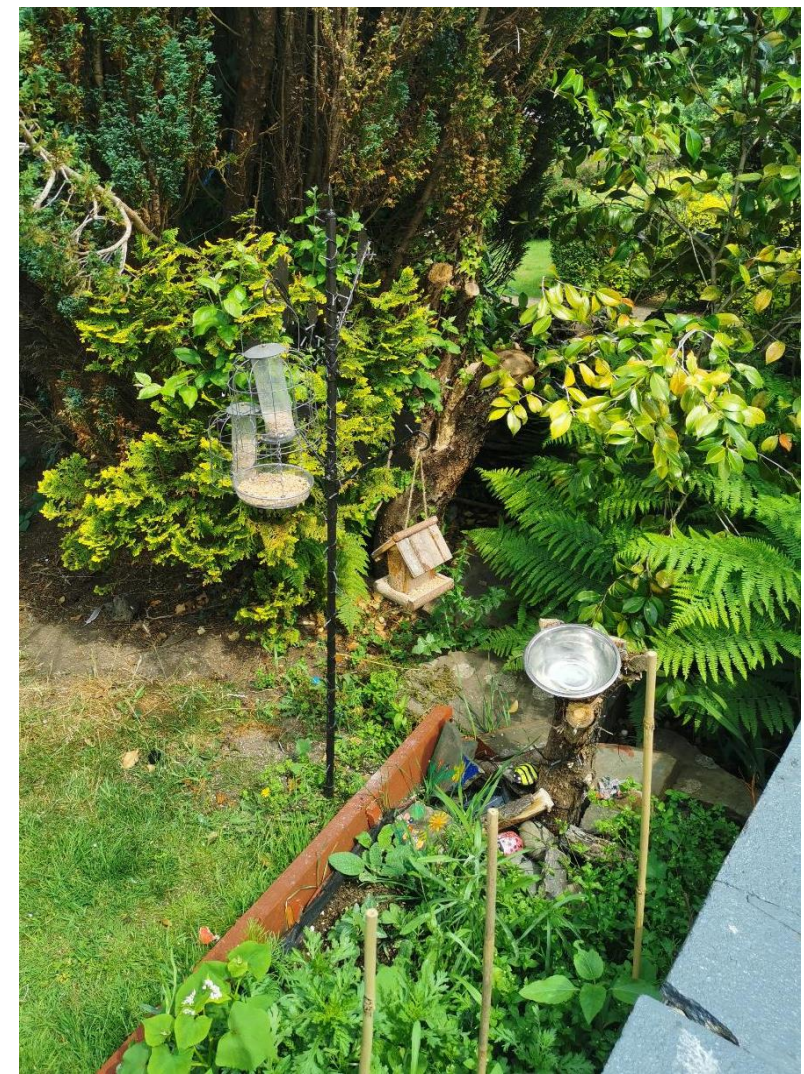
Beau and Blake were asking June on a regular basis to visit the nature reserve. They would take lots of pictures of their new surrounding, to get more and more ideas for their garden.

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This is their Nature Garden so far. They are still developing it and planning to put a pond at the bottom of the garden in the summer.



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