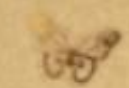




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Discover...

~Parc Y Betws~

Following a grant from the Welsh Government and National Lottery Heritage Fund the Nature Garden was created in 2022 to enhance biodiversity and provide a 'wilded' area giving natural habitats, shelter and food sources for plants, insects, bats, birds and the local indigenous wildlife.



Having this on my doorstep has allowed me to take on the John Muir award to contribute to my assignment. It has therefore given me a boost to delve deeper and explore what is around me in the natural environment.

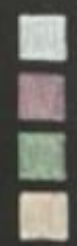


Discover
the
area...



We are fortunate to have
well-maintained spaces like
Betws Park in Ammanford.

I have been inspired to come
outside with my family and
actually observe what flowers
and creatures exist in the
Park by looking, hearing, and
investigating.





Explore...



Whilst exploring the park, I discovered the hedgerows and woodland grounds covered in various spring flowers during Spring, with so many bright colours and strong fragrances. In the nature garden is a section of untouched wildlife but with the help of volunteers is improving. There are plenty of flowers for the bees in this area.





"Path Of Kindness"



How Cute!

Outdoor Art Gallery

This is a space in the park to display small handmade works of art.

The idea is that if you take a piece of art, it is your turn to get creative to replace it for somebody else to enjoy.

"Bee Kind" - This is emphasised throughout the park in order to remind individuals to be kind to each other as well as the natural environment around them.





I saw many bees pollinating the flowers around the park.

Here me and my 3 younger siblings often go to check in on how the vegetables are growing as this is where they planted them with their school. I think it is really special that the children have contributed to conserving such a pretty area.

This area right by the river is home to many frogs!

Some 'forget me not' flowers I found.



In Betws Park, I found some 'bug hotels' in the nature area. Amongst the trees I had also discovered many bird houses. During my visits to the park I have seen many birds living around the surrounding trees.





By participating in the John Muir award, I have come to the realisation that I was deceived into thinking the outdoors was not for me. In fact I love it! I decided to make a bug house with my siblings to help encourage and conserve nature.

conserve





Together we used scraps of wood to build the bug house. My siblings really enjoyed being a part of the award and were excited to share with me stories of their outdoor experiences during school. We used other natural resources that were available around us that we felt would create good shelter for bugs and insects.



Week 1...

After just
1 week
life began
to make an
appearance.



Week 2...

Here you can
see the
snails getting
very comfortable
in their new
home.



Please
leave us alone,
as we help your
food grow.
You've made us
happy, by building
us a home.

I have really
began to
identify the
little things
that are
important
and feel
happy when
I contribute
to the outdoors.



Reflection

On reflection,
the John Muir Award
has encouraged me to
think about the
deeper concerns and thinks
of strategies to conserve it.