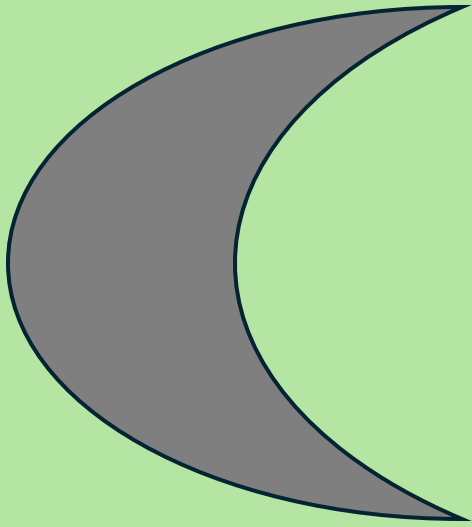
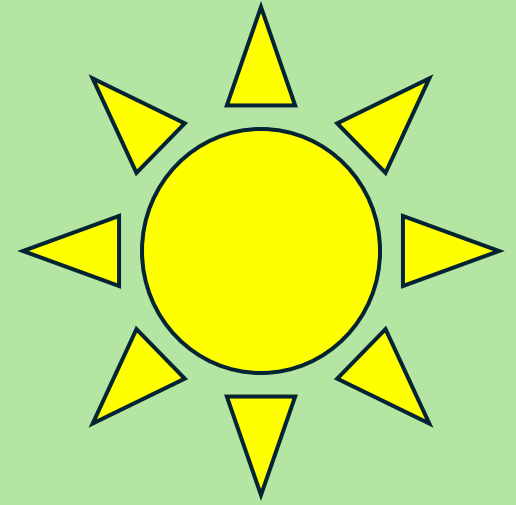
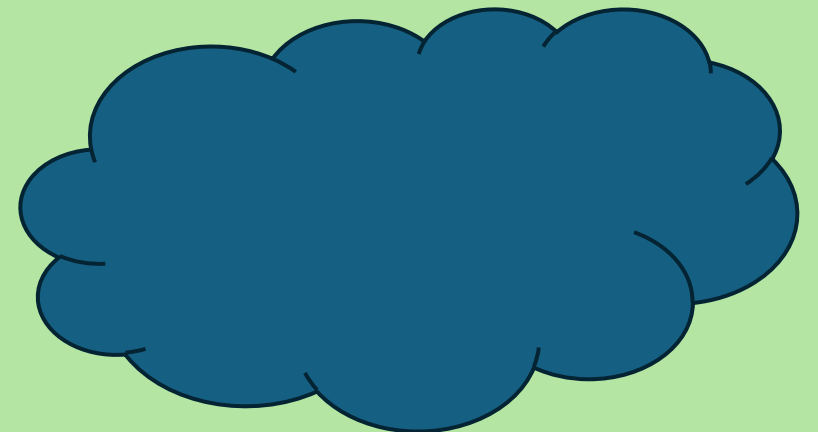
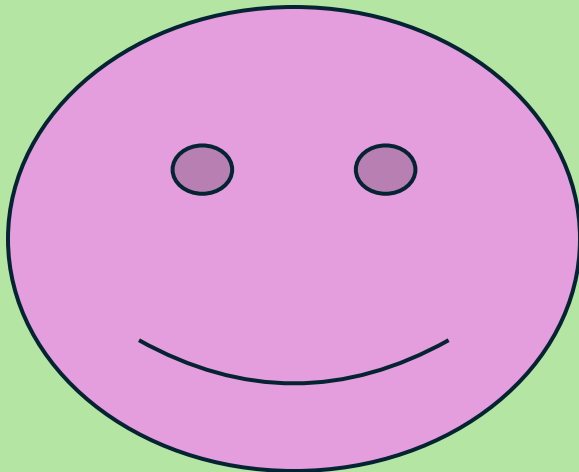




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Sustainability in the early years scrapbook





Protect
our
wildlife ♡

SUSTAINABILITY IN THE EARLY YEARS

Choose
to
make
a
DIFFERENCE

- Reduce!
- Re-use!
- Recycle!

What can you do to
help the environment?

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Clyne

Gardens

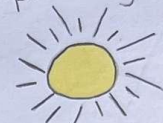


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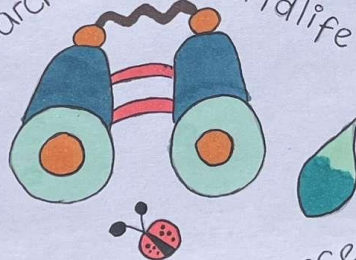
What does sustainability look like in the early years?

Playing games



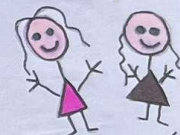
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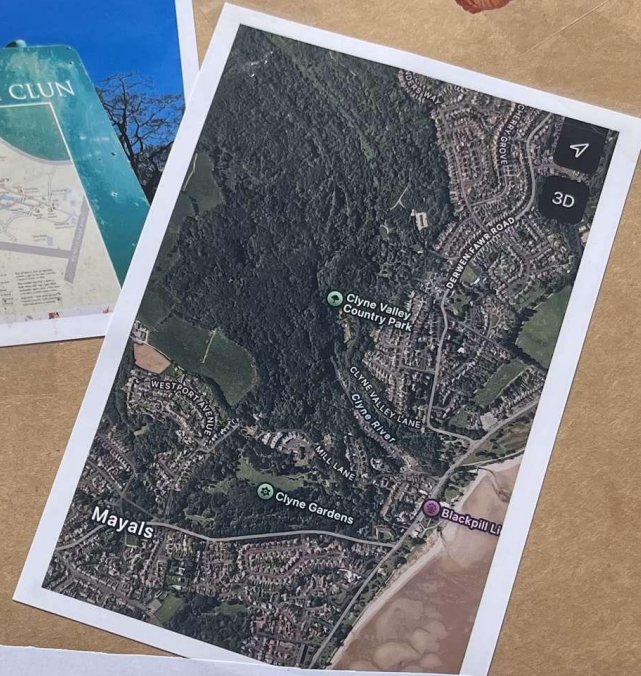
and natural resources

Looking after our



Planet and one another

I have decided to research Clyne Gardens.
This is located in Mayals, within Swansea.
Clyne Gardens is a historically, significant
botanical landscape. The 50 acres of
gardens, which run up from Swansea Bay,
were first created as private gardens in
the 19th century.



There are more than 2000 plant varieties
and 10,000 mature trees in the Gardens.
The Gardens have been the recipient of the
coveted Green Flag Award since Keep Wales
Tidy began overseeing this initiative in Wales
in 2012.

Discover

Clyne has well-kept public gardens and lots of greenery with lovely trees. The gardens are well-maintained and secure to walk around. There are lots of places to rest and take in the sights, and there are great views from the top of the gardens that overlook Swansea Bay. Based on its stunning scenery and abundance of captivating wildlife, I have decided to learn more about and explore Clyne Gardens. Given that it's large, local, and sensory-rich, I take my dogs for walks here a few times a week. There is a variety of fascinating trails to explore, where you may see a variety of flora, fauna and wildlife!



Explore



Both of these trees are at the top field in Clyne.



This is me in Clyne Gardens in 2010.

The John Muir award has made me delve into Clyne Gardens and admire its natural beauty. Looking at Clyne from the viewpoint of a child has allowed me to appreciate how much magic and adventure there is around.

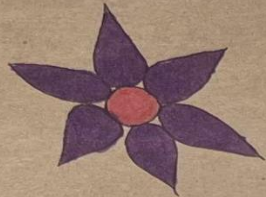
Squirrels! - Clyne Gardens is home to a wide variety of animals. The grey squirrel is one of the animals that inhabits and roams Clyne. They disperse over the woodlands and large oak trees, gathering insects, bird seeds, and acorns to eat.

Fun fact -> Grey squirrels will consume eggs and young birds when they raid nests.



Squirrels

Foxes



Fun Fact → The fox is easily identified by its russet-red coat, sharp ears, and bushy tail. Foxes usually stand about 40cm at the shoulder and weigh 5 to 8 kg.

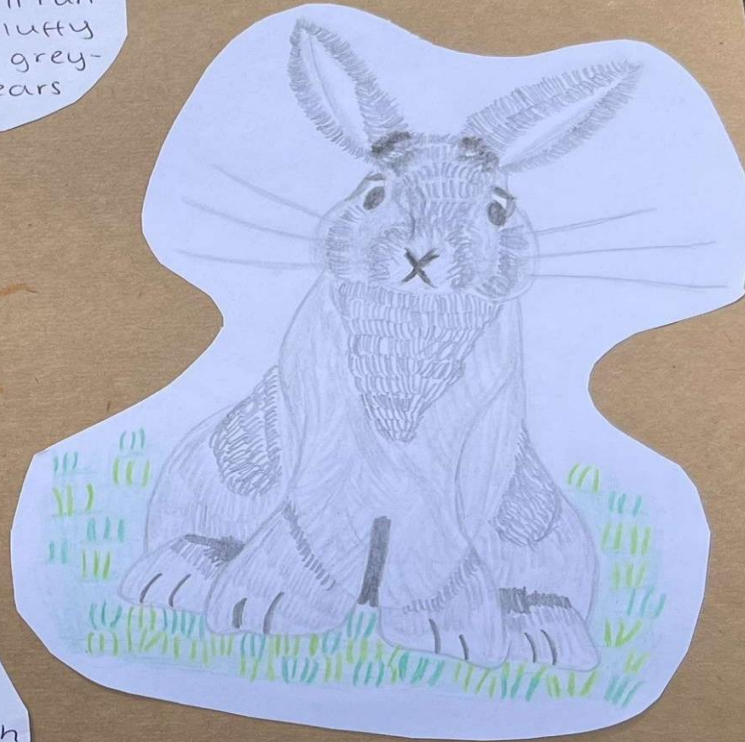


Foxes! - In the evenings when I take my dogs to clyne, occasionally I can see foxes hidden among the greenery and trees. The size of a fox's territory and the number of foxes that can live there, is determined by the food available in the area. Due to their crepuscular nature, foxes are most active during dawn and at dusk. In clyne, foxes are challenging to observe, although you tend to see them more frequently after a summer evening with picnics and food leftovers.



Rabbits

There are rabbit tunnels on the fields near the top of Clyne Gardens, and if you are lucky, you might occasionally see them hopping around the fields. Meadows, grasslands, and forests are the natural habitats of rabbits. Large groups of rabbits reside in "warrens", which are underground burrow systems. Being extremely vigilant, rabbits would thud their hind legs at the group to signal others to an impending danger. When a rabbit is in danger, it will run to the nearest burrow. The rabbit has a fluffy white tail, long ears and hind legs, and a grey-brown coat. It lacks the black tips on its ears and is smaller than the brown hare.



Fun fact → The months of January through to July are when rabbits reproduce. A female may give birth to four or five litters in a single season, each with an average of five babies.

Robins



Fun fact → Robins use their red breast to defend their territory!



Robins! - one of my favourite birds that can be spotted in clyne is the robin. The robin is easily identified by its distinctive bright-red breast. Its orange-red breast extends to its face and throat, and it has a white belly and brown back. In addition to earthworms, robins like to consume fruits, seeds, and insects like beetles. Robins can be found in hedgerows, parks, gardens, and woodlands. All year long, they sing to defend their territory since they are protective birds.

Senses

Smell

Clyne Gardens is filled with a multitude of smells. considering the fresh garlic, for example, which blooms everywhere in the fields. I feel calmed by the pungent, calming smell of the garlic. In order to keep the fields in clyne aesthetically pleasing for the public, the gardeners frequently mow them, leaving behind the scent of freshly cut grass.



The earthy, fresh smells come throughout the gardens. Since this is a haven for bees and other wildlife, the gardeners also let some areas flourish. There is a variety of smells coming from the beautiful flowers that bloom around Clyne. The wood is occasionally burned in the forest by Clyne's gardeners, so if you stroll through the woods, you may smell the aroma of embers and burning wood, as well as a sense of comfort and warmth.

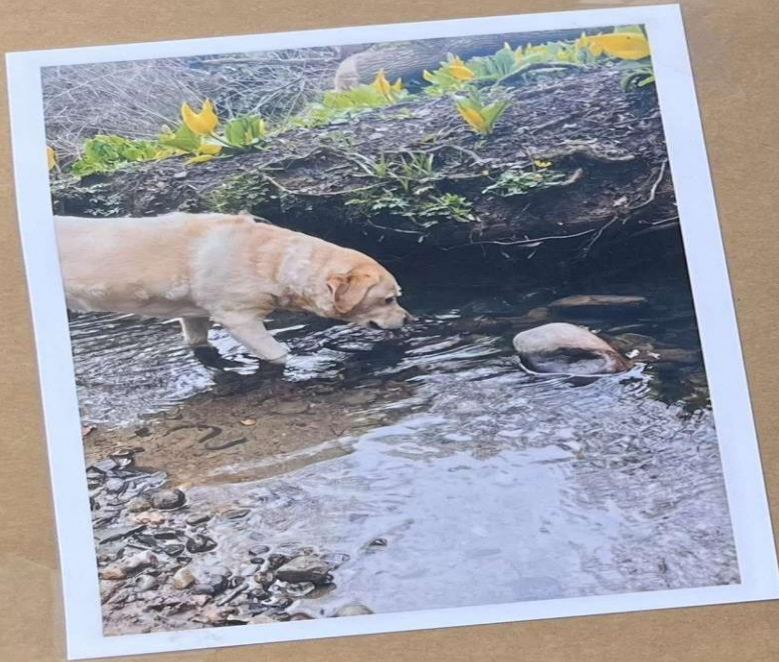


Touch

Clyne is surrounded by a variety of natural elements. The trees that surround Clyne are beech, birch, and oak. You can sense the hard and soft oak. Clyne is ornately filled by fern, which is quite soft and soothing to touch. There are many flowers to smell and touch, but it is crucial that you avoid picking them. It's fascinating to observe how each bloom feels because they all have unique textures to feel.



Clynes fields are bounded by mud and grass, strolling on different grass cuts will feel varied. In addition to having lovely wildlife like dragonflies, moths, bees, and butterflies, the long grass can tickle your legs as you walk through it. You can touch and dip your toes in parts of the stream that runs through Clyne, it is cold and fresh as it flows between your fingers. My dogs enjoy drinking from the streams while taking walks through them!



Taste



The animals at Clyne have access to plenty of food and nourishment. The birds have worms and seeds, the squirrels have nuts and insects, the foxes consume food that people have left behind, and the bees have a lot of pollen from all the flowers.

Sight

Within Clyne, the views and scenery are fantastic. From the fresh water that runs through the streams, to all the lovely flowers that bloom in the spring. The azaleas and rhododendrons, and the bluebells in the woods are some of my favourite flowers that bloom in Clyne. Furthermore, I love the leaves that grow within the Bog Garden!





Fun fact -> The Bog Garden is also home to the largest leafed herbaceous plant cultivated in Europe, the gigantic leaf gunnera, which can reach the height of eight feet!

There are numerous mole hills all across Clyne. Fun Fact → Molehills, which are waste products from digging or repairing burrows, are the most obvious indication of moles and are typically seen where new tunnels are being established or where damaged ones already exist.



I have always enjoyed seeing the North American skunk cabbage grow from a tiny leaf to a plant that is always larger than myself. The Japanese Bridge is among Clyne's most picturesque locations. One of the gardens most charming elements is the eye-catching red and white bridge. The stunning timber building, which was first built during the Admiral Heneage - Vivian's reign, is a symbol of oriental garden design.



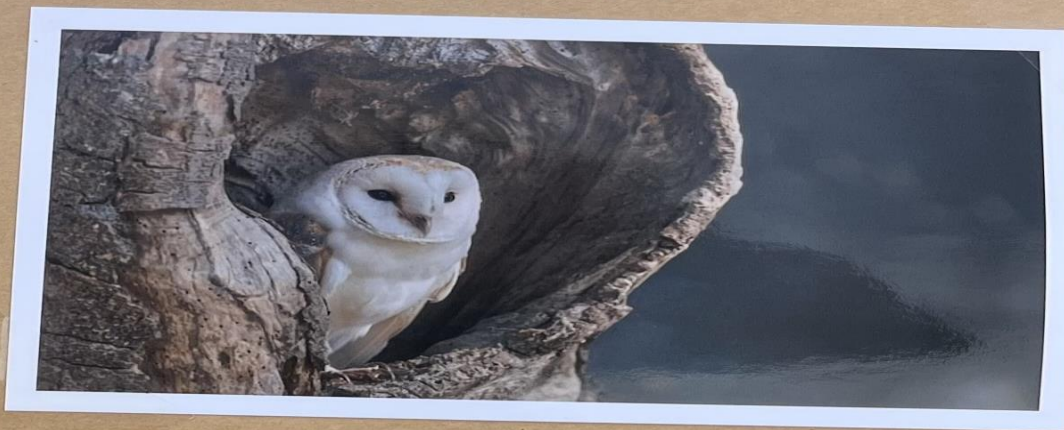
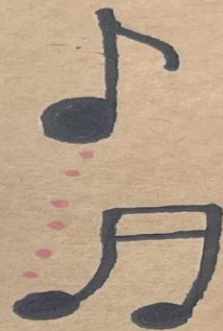
It is situated above the pond and forms an arch over the water flowing from the pond outflow below. Along with the life that develops there, including fish, ducks, and frogs, this pond is surrounded by outstanding oak trees and flowers. It can be soothing to observe the stunning views of the bay from the peak of Clyne on a summers day.



Hear

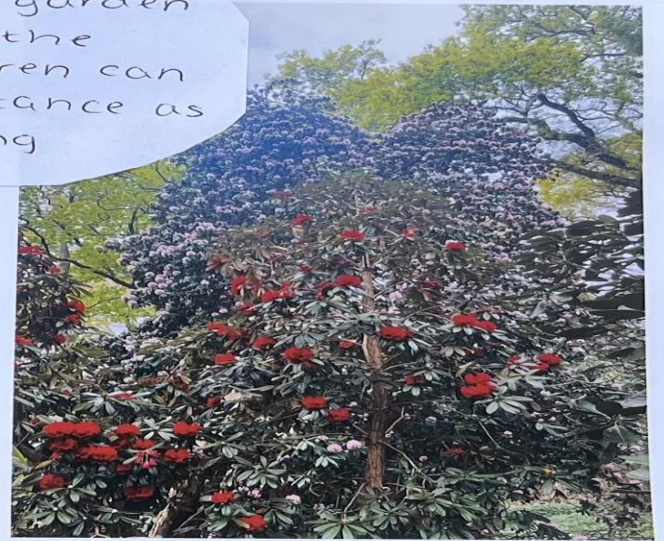
Hearing.

In Clyne Gardens, you might hear a variety of unique sounds. For instance, the variety of bird sounds, among many others, including sparrows, blackbirds, woodpeckers, robins and blue tits. All throughout Clyne, the soothing sounds of their tweets can be heard. If you pay close attention, you can hear birds calling for one another and young birds calling for food and their parents.





You may hear the wind whistling and blowing through your ears at the top of the Clyne garden fields, which overlook Swansea Bay, as the wind gets strong in that area. Many children can be heard laughing and playing in the distance as you go through Clyne. As well as dogs barking excitedly when out on a walk.



Conserve



I have made a poster that portrays that individuals should pick up their own mess after having a picnic and taking your dogs on a walk and leaving their mess behind.

Even though Clyne is particularly clean, some have attached their dog waste on trees since they don't want to walk to the closest bin, and there is the occasional drink bottle and food wrapper within the fields. People should be using the several bins that Clyne has offered to the public.

CLEAN

YOUR



UP

LITTER
!!!



HELP
WILDLIFE
THRIVE



PICK UP YOUR LITTER
SAVE OUR PLANET



ANY BAG ANY BIN



Clean up
your pets
mess!!!



Please
do the
right thing
!!!



I will print off several copies and put them in prominent areas throughout Clyne to remind people not to leave their mess unattended! In addition, I want children in my class to create their own posters and hold a competition. The best poster will be chosen, and the children can go on a field trip to clear up rubbish and put more posters around Clyne!

Competition!



The poster needs to be a clear message, eye-catching, bold and engaging so it will catch the public's eye! Similarly, I think children can participate in a variety of environmental activities, like stick races in the stream, painting and printing leaves, and daisy chains. Children can play with such amazing loose parts in Clyne.

By displaying my poster and tidying up rubbish, I hope to decrease the number of injuries that Clyne's ducks, birds, and other wildlife sustain. As a teaching assistant, this award has inspired me to educate children that the planet needs our help!



It is crucial that children are taught that waste and rubbish belong in a bin. Children will learn skills, discipline, and a sense of pride and responsibility when they are asked to clean up after themselves. We only have one planet, and it damages all of the wildlife that can eat it, as well as the fields and streams.



Children's awareness of recycling is essential. Take environmental awareness, for instance. Children are taught the value of protecting and saving the environment. Children must comprehend their role in waste management and responsibility. Children's understanding and awareness of environmental science and sustainability is enhanced, which makes the educational value significant.

Through research, I have found that wheelchair accessibility and child-safe smooth surfaces mark the pathways that lead around Clyne. However, there is a fallen oak tree at the top entrance of Clyne that has damaged a section of the path, making it dangerous for wheelchair-accessible approaches and children.



Since the top entrance is the simplest and safest way to let children off a bus or out of a car, the council must remove this tree and fill the pathway with cement in order to make the route accessible and safe for everyone, especially during school trips, summer holidays and several more occasions.

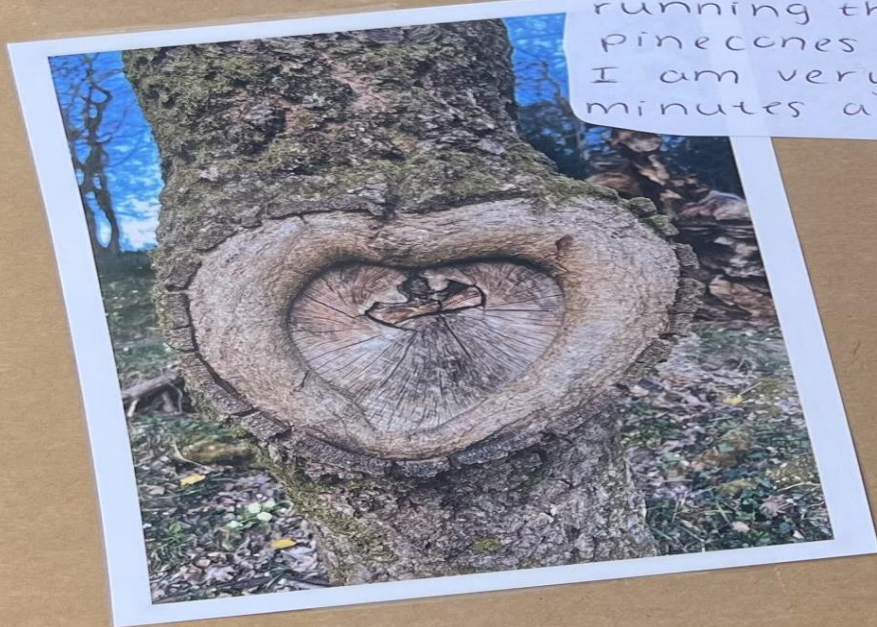
Poem

It has been such a lovely day,
Our picnic has finished so let's tidy away.
A crisp packet here, and a wrapper by there,
these grounds are our earth so we must take care.
And if our little pets have made a mess,
that is an issue we must address.
With a bag in the hand and a smile on our face,
let's tidy up and keep this park ACE!

Share



As I conducted my research and learnt more about clyne gardens. I became aware of how frequently during my early years / childhood, I had not seen or appreciated certain aspects of the gardens beauty. Taking my dogs on a walk and relaxing here is my favourite thing to do after work. They enjoy running through the fields, snacking on the pinecones, and drinking from the fresh stream! I am very fortunate that this park is five minutes away from where I live.



This photo is me with my siblings and grandparents adventuring around clyne.

Since Clyne is full of life and adventure and my parents love taking my siblings and myself there, they encouraged me to focus on this area for my John Muir scrapbook. My John Muir scrapbook has encouraged me to concentrate on engaging my class to take a school trip to Clyne with their posters and educate them about nature and how we should preserve it.



In addition, I will create a facebook page dedicated to protecting Clyne's wildlife and environment, and to encourage individuals to clean up their mess! Futhermore, individuals may contribute and voice their opinions.

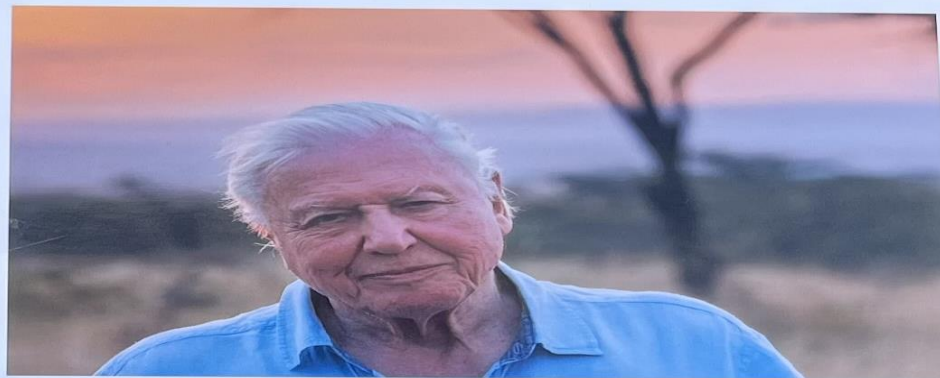
John

Muir

One of the most well-known naturalists and conservationists in the nation was John Muir. Muir had a strong interest in the wilderness areas. He investigated, published, and advocated for their protection. Muir was an advocate for the preservation of natural areas, for the welfare of both people and wildlife. Known as the "Father of the National Parks", Muir's contributions established the groundwork for what is now regarded as one of the greatest conservation initiatives in history. Through daily initiatives to bring about constructive change in all communities and at the John Muir National Historic Site, his environmental legacy endures. One of the prominent voices for the wild spaces in the UK is the John Muir Trust. For everyone's benefit, the John Muir Trust is committed to preserving, safeguarding, and restoring the wild areas of the UK. Some conservationists disagree with his work, although he made a significant contribution to the early preservationist movement, things are now different. Since the late 19th century, culture has quickly altered, which is why many significant writers, like Muir, have an older tone and writing style. While many conservationists value those concepts, certain individuals at present do not find them particularly appealing.



David Attenborough



David Attenborough is another outstanding and motivational conservationist. David Attenborough has devoted his life to documentaries on wildlife, bringing attention to conservation and the urgent requirement of protecting and saving our planet. He serves as a fantastic example for the sustainability movement and for educating individuals the value of our world and the necessity to care for it in order for it to survive. Since 1954 (Zooquest), 71 years ago, David Attenborough has been presenting and educating us about the earth and its inhabitants.