

Wildspace!

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Lasting improvements

Wildlife trusts, local councils and charities have shared £7m over the past five years – thanks to Wildspace! and the Big Lottery Fund.

The money has made an enormous difference to the lives of people and wildlife. Since the work began, more than 330 new LNRs have been declared and a further 70 are planned. More than 90 projects employed community liaison officers (CLOs) to work within local communities, raising people's awareness and encouraging long-term involvement in the LNRs. Without these dedicated people it would have been impossible to achieve so much.

Wildspace! set out to give local people the power to play a leading role in the management and development of LNRs – more than 450 new 'friends' groups have been formed, and more than 300 Wildspace! projects have initiated one or more junior groups.

Wildspace! wanted to make sure local reserves were accessible for everyone. Physical improvements on the LNRs mean people with mobility



Darlington Borough Council

In Darlington, Wildspace! helped create new ponds for wildlife and two fishing ponds for local people to enjoy

or learning difficulties can now enjoy the habitats and events.

Improved signage, entrances and facilities have improved people's understanding of, access to and enjoyment of the reserves.

Centres of excellence

Increasing understanding was central to another of the Wildspace! aims – to use the reserves for both formal and informal education. Since 2001, 4,500 primary school groups, 935 secondary school groups and 425 further education groups have been involved with

LNRs. More than 201,000 schoolchildren and youth groups now have a greater understanding and appreciation of their local environment.

In fact, Wildspace! more than doubled its target for developing local nature reserves as centres of excellence for environmental education.

More than 9,700 community events have been held, bringing more than 300,000 people closer to wildlife in their area. And more than 77,000

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Dudley MBC

Times are changing – but the work goes on

All good things must come to an end and, after five fantastic years helping people and nature, Wildspace! finally draws to a close.

Although the central team in Peterborough will no longer exist after mid- December, the great legacy of Wildspace! will remain. Happily, most Wildspace! projects will be able to carry on working in a similar vein by accessing alternative funding. This is a direct result of the tremendous achievements of the individual Wildspace! projects.

It means that on Local Nature Reserves, people and wildlife will continue to get the attention they deserve. 'Friends' groups will still get the support they need to foster pride and ownership in their green spaces. Reserves will still be managed to benefit wildlife and increase biodiversity. And the next generation will be able to learn about the natural world through environmental education opportunities.



Peter Wakeley/Natural England

Wildlife will continue to receive attention post-Wildspace!

This seventh and final issue of the Wildspace! newsletter looks in more detail at some of the projects that are continuing. We celebrate some of the major achievements notched up by Wildspace! participants. And we look to the future and what funding might be available to support the development of green spaces.

We're moving into a new era with the creation of Natural England (see opposite) – an organisation that brings together English Nature, the Landscape, Access and Recreation division of the Countryside Agency and the environmental activities of the Rural Development Service.

This is an exciting time of change which should lead to a more joined up and consistent approach to the issues affecting the natural environment.

– Sarah Preston, Wildspace! Grants Officer

BIG grants due next year

Communities could share in £234m between now and 2009, as the Big Lottery Fund (BIG) gets its Changing Spaces programme under way.

Changing Spaces aims to improve open spaces and make them accessible to all, as well as promoting a greater sense of

community ownership of the local environment and better collaboration between communities and the voluntary and statutory sectors. The priorities will be community spaces, local community enterprise and access to the natural environment.

BIG is now working with a number of

organisations on developing grant schemes for launch in mid-2007. To keep up-to-date with what's happening, keep an eye on the BIG website under the Changing Spaces programme – www.biglotteryfund.org.uk. The outcome of discussions is likely to be publicised in the New Year.

Lasting improvements

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volunteers have been involved in conserving it – 23,000 of them new to volunteering.

More than 300 health initiatives are now taking place on LNRs, including 70 Green Gyms and 250 health walks, and more than 8,600 people have been offered skills development training to improve their job prospects.

The work for wildlife in 445 Wildspace! projects was closely allied to local Biodiversity Action Plan targets, so it helped some of the country's most important species, including great crested newts, red squirrels (above), bats, bittern and black poplar.



John Robinson

Natural England has four campaigns

Natural England came into being in October – a single organisation with responsibility for protecting and enhancing biodiversity and landscapes, and for helping people to enjoy more green spaces in the countryside and the urban environment.

Natural England will have wide-ranging responsibilities. It will provide incentives to farmers and land managers to manage their land in a more environmentally friendly way, will be a key regulator and will be the government's independent watchdog to advise on how policies affect

the natural environment. The new organisation's work begins with four major campaigns – each of them a call to action aimed at inspiring, motivating and engaging people across England under a common theme of connecting people and the natural environment.

The **marine** campaign focuses on setting up a network of marine protected areas. The **health** campaign champions preventative health solutions in the natural environment. The third will promote public support for the benefits and services of **good land**

management, and the fourth will be raising awareness of the impacts of **climate change** on England's wildlife and landscapes.

Points of contact

Want to get in touch with the new Natural England? All Wildspace! staff can still be contacted until mid-December at the same addresses and telephone numbers. E-mail addresses, though, have changed to firstname.lastname@naturalengland.org.uk. After mid-December, any LNR queries should be directed to Rosy Key on 01733 455049.



Bristol City Council

In Bristol, Wildspace! helped less able young people to expand their knowledge of nature and build their self-esteem



Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Northamptonshire and Peterborough

No facilities...? No problem!

Over the last three years, thousands of schoolchildren have had a Wildspace! experience in Peterborough – and more than threequarters of them have returned to the LNRs bringing family or friends.

Building on The Wildlife Trust's successful education programme at its main centres in Cambridgeshire, Bedfordshire and Northamptonshire, Community Liaison Officer Rachel Price decided that the lack of buildings, toilets and parking needn't stand in the way of encouraging schools to use the local reserves.

The Peterborough Wildspace! project worked on seven LNRs in the area, including three new ones, and began by assessing them for their suitability for half-day visits. One of the aims was to encourage children to walk to the reserves –

Hunting for mini-beasts in Peterborough

something that would be good for their health and for the environment. Ten local schools took part, and surveys have shown that, on average, more than 75% of schoolchildren have revisited their LNR with family or friends.

Following two Inset training days for teachers at two reserves, all the schools are now using the sites independently for study.

"We hope that these children will grow up knowing and valuing their LNR, and will take pride in looking after it in the future," says Rachel. "This approach has proved so popular that we are now looking at ways of promoting it more widely across the UK."

– Rachel Price, Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Northamptonshire and Peterborough

Pond gazing in Peterborough



Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Northamptonshire and Peterborough

News Flashes from Wigan

More people than ever have flocked to events at the Wigan Flashes Local Nature Reserve.

And, the reserve can also boast real commitment from regular volunteers and more facilities for visitors. Over the last year, the team has involved around 2,750 people in events, talks and education sessions. This has included more than 600 children from 18 schools in Wigan and 117 local people receiving training.



Lancashire Wildlife Trust

Practical conservation work on the Flashes is largely carried out by a team of volunteers, who have put in 697 volunteer days over the year and built two new bird viewing screens, improved footpaths and installed picnic benches.

In April, the reserve celebrated the launch of its first interpretive nature trail – a joint project with the local authority's Outdoor Education Team and a group of local young people.

Together, they designed a waterborne nature and orienteering trail for Scotman's Flash, the only flash with boating facilities. The nine nature trail points are reached by canoe and each represents an element of Wigan's history, culture or local wildlife. A second nature trail is to be installed later this year.

Local people aren't the only ones to welcome improvements to the declining reedbeds. Bitterns, the rare water birds that regularly overwinter on the reserve, have been so pleased with the work that they have been spotted there in June and July.

– Wigan Flashes Team, Lancashire Wildlife Trust

Stafford survey proves need

Stafford's Wildspace! project not only achieved its original aims for conservation and community support, it provided valuable evidence that helped secure funding for a permanent biodiversity officer.

When Wildspace! funding ends, Stafford will have five new local nature reserves. The project will also have made an important contribution to Stafford Borough's Biodiversity Strategy

and the county Biodiversity Action Plan and local people know more of what biodiversity means and why it matters.

An annual survey, carried out when continued funding was in doubt, found that only 1% of respondents didn't consider it important to look after wildlife and habitats. The number of people who felt it was "very important" had increased to four-fifths. Almost everyone

(97%) thought Stafford Borough Council should play a role in protecting and enhancing biodiversity. The survey, the success of Wildspace!, new local authority responsibilities under PPS9 and the increasing role they will be expected to have in identifying, selecting and managing local sites provided the evidence needed for a dedicated biodiversity officer and funding was pulled together. The resultant post is permanent and a very important achievement. But it will be a challenging job, covering LNRs, practical conservation, community liaison and support – and providing advice and expertise and other input to planning.

– Karen Davies, Stafford Borough Council



Stafford Borough Council

Lone ranger gets results

Wildspace! success in Lewes has inspired the local council to carry on the good work itself.

Back in 2002, Lewes District Council used its Wildspace! grant to employ a part-time community liaison officer. With some juggling, the role was merged with the existing post of part-time community ranger to create a full-time dual role.

The community ranger began with a portfolio of three nature reserves and open spaces across the district, but this quickly rose to seven sites as more and more council-owned open spaces were put into conservation management.

Lewes was so impressed with the achievements of the Wildspace! project that it has now taken on the full-time funding of the community ranger, guaranteeing projects for the future.

While an important part of the Wildspace! work was to manage the reserves and open spaces for wildlife, the community ranger was always aware that local people had to be involved if management was to be sustainable. A number of



Paul Glendell/Natural England

Kittiwakes are part of the local wildlife

community groups were set up to co-ordinate this work.

Castle Hill Local Nature Reserve is a great example. The reserve, situated on the chalk cliffs above Newhaven, is important for several bird species including kittiwakes and fulmers. It forms part of a Site of Special Scientific Interest for its geological formations, and was designated as an LNR as part of the Wildspace! project.

The community ranger focused the energies and enthusiasm of the Castle Hill Conservation Group, local volunteers, to draft a management plan for the site and then to put it into action. Castle Hill has received wide praise as a result of the group's work, which includes footpath

maintenance, building steps and creating interpretation boards, a leaflet explaining the importance of the site and a detailed habitat management programme. Volunteers and professionals have worked on ecological surveys, helping to establish baseline data, all of which feeds into the management process.

Local people of all ages have taken part in a variety of exciting events, including guided walks, education fun days, schools' activity days and practical volunteering tasks. Adults with learning difficulties have been involved too, doing habitat management tasks and taking photographs. A path suitable for disabled people was installed in 2003 – giving people fantastic 360-degree views from the cliff-tops across the sea and downs. The project also led to some useful links being made between lots of voluntary and professional bodies, including social services, the South Downs Joint Committee, Natural England, Newhaven Fort, the Youth Offending Service, local schools and community volunteer groups.

**– Dan Ross,
Lewes District Council**



London Borough of Islington

The Diwali celebrations were an outstanding success in raising awareness of the LNRs

Reaching out

Instant success and lasting benefits? That doesn't happen often, but in Islington, the arrival of a Wildspace! funded community liaison officer (CLO) opened up new ways of attracting 'hard-to-reach' people to the reserves.

The London Borough was awarded its Wildspace! grant in 2002 and appointed its CLO in September that year. The aim was to engage the communities surrounding Islington's three Local Nature Reserves at Gillespie Park, Parkland Walk and Barnsbury Wood, and to help them make the reserves their own.

The project especially focused on black and ethnic minorities and people who historically had little involvement with the reserves, including the elderly, local young people and those on low incomes. The CLO's role was very much about reconnecting these groups with the sites – offering them easy opportunities that appealed. Much of the CLO's time was

spent meeting people, trying to establish links and raise awareness.

Initial work was very much about awareness raising, answering basic questions such as 'where are the parks?', 'what do you do there?', 'how can I get involved?'. It was also a chance for the CLO to find out what people wanted from these places and what stopped them from getting involved.

Instantly, the role of the CLO gave Islington's Nature Conservation Team the capacity to do something they had always wanted to do – stage targeted events, activities and workshops. These ranged from the highly successful Diwali celebrations to multi-faith events, training for older people, walking and programmes that engaged young people in the development of the reserves.

The project had some very positive achievements for the

Nature Conservation Team. Firstly, it raised the Team's profile externally and heightened awareness of its sites, which led to more people visiting the reserves. Secondly, it raised the profile of the team within the Council. This led to more opportunities to work with partners on key issues like the Biodiversity Action Plan in a more integrated way. It also put the team in a better position to raise funds for its work. Council members could easily see the value of the CLO's post, so – with slight adaptations – the role continues.

The great thing about the Wildspace! grants scheme and the CLO post was that they provided funding and staffing in an area that many organisations want to develop, but don't have the time or resources to do.

**– Oliver Burke,
London Borough of Islington**



Starting them young

Enthusiasing, educating and involving children in their local nature reserves was the focus of a Wildspace! project in East Leeds. The idea was simple – use the reserves to inspire children to protect them now and in the future.

A mix of formal and informal educational activities included school visits to reserves, assemblies, playschemes, fun days and wildlife clubs. From the outset, the intention was to ensure the work would continue beyond the project. Three different methods were used to ensure the work was sustainable – the recruitment of volunteers, annual teacher training courses, and the production of a CD for teachers.

Volunteers were recruited to run an RSPB Wildlife Explorers group based at Fairburn Ings nature reserve. And, for the last four years, the group has met for two hours a month for

environmentally themed fun. Ten volunteers have been involved in running the group, including three teenage 'junior leaders' and one very dedicated main leader.

At the end of Wildspace!, the group is still going strong, with five regular volunteers sharing responsibility for organising and running the sessions. The meetings are very popular and attract an average of 17 children. Minimal staff support is needed to keep the group ticking over but regional and reserve RSPB staff are available when needed.

Teacher training sessions meant that local teachers can run environmental education activities for their pupils long after the end of Wildspace!. The training days involved an introduction to a nature reserve, ideas for curriculum-linked environmental activities and simple ideas for attracting wildlife into school grounds.



Leeds Wildspace!

A Leeds school group enjoys an LNR

All schools within 10km of the reserves were invited to attend, and 58 teachers received the training. Feedback was great and schools have started to visit the LNRs independently for the first time. As one teacher put it: "A delightful day with lots of stimulating ideas and activities to take back into school."

The CD 'Exploring Wildlife – Using Wildlife as an Educational Resource' was, again, designed to give teachers the information they need to use the reserves.

It is laden with photographs, maps, site descriptions, guided walks, history and wildlife information, and is packed with ideas for environmental activities themed around ponds, mini-beasts, wildflowers and so on. Curriculum links, ways of improving school grounds for wildlife and fun worksheets are also available on the CD. With all this information, teachers are able to get children interested in wildlife with ease.

– Emma Trickett, Leeds City Council

Flying the flag for greenspace excellence

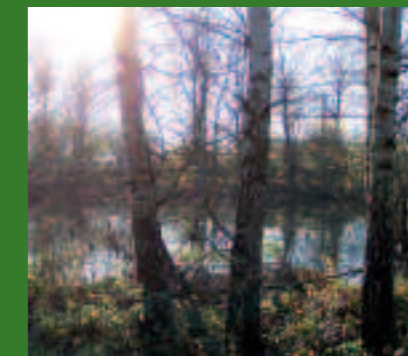
Twenty-three Wildspace! Local Nature Reserves have earned a Green Flag award – the national benchmark for outstanding parks and green spaces.

Any green space in England and Wales that's open to the public is eligible to enter for one of the annual awards. The idea is to show that parks and green spaces are once again becoming places of pride, bringing people together and improving their quality of life.

In May and June, sites face the judges, who look for places that are welcoming, safe, well maintained and have strong links with the community. The scheme, launched in 1996, is managed by the Civic Trust on behalf of the Department for Communities and Local Government and the Green Flag Advisory Board.

Well done to the following Wildspace! LNRs:

Gillespie Park – Islington; Railway Fields – Haringey; Barnwood Arboretum – Gloucester; Seaton Marshes – East Devon; Stover CP and LNR, Newton Abbott – Devon; Ladderedge CP – Staffordshire Moorlands; Waseley Hills – Worcestershire; Worcester Woods – Worcestershire; Ogden Water – Calderdale; Martin's Pond (above) – Nottingham City; Vicar Water Country Park – Newark and Sherwood; Cowpen Bewdley Woodland Park – Stockton on Tees; Blackleach Country Park – Salford; Clifton Country Park – Salford; Marshall Arm's – Northwich; Sunnhurst Wood – Darwen; Wigg Island Community Park – Halton; Hastings Country Park – Hastings; Coate water Country Park – Swindon; Malvern and Brueton Park – Solihull; Telford Town Park – Telford; Oakwell Hall Country Park – Kirklees, and Elmdon Park – Solihull.



Nottingham City Council

A new reserve, thriving 'friends' groups, health schemes and a pioneering project to tackle antisocial behaviour – Dudley has it all.

Dudley's Wildspace! project was launched in April 2002 to cover Bumble Hole and Cotwall End LNRs and a proposed reserve at Barrow Hill. The project aimed to restore and enhance the key habitats and features; work to involve local communities; pave the way for community and educational use, and develop interpretive materials.

Thanks to Wildspace!, Barrow Hill LNR was declared and launched by the Mayor of Dudley in 2005, during English

Pioneering Dudley

Nature's LNR fortnight. The new reserve brought Dudley's ratio of LNRs to 0.9 hectares per 1,000 people – well on the way towards the Government's target of 1ha per 1,000.

With Action Heart, based at the neighbouring Russell's Hall Hospital, a 'Walking for Life' route was developed at Barrow Hill. With the Primary Care Trust, a Green Gym was set up. And, in partnership with the Black Country Geological Society, more than £27,000 from the Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund paid for

scrub clearance on some geological features, as well as more site interpretation.

At Cotwall End Valley LNR, the project secured money from English Nature's Facelift Fund to bring an unfavourable Site of Special Scientific Interest into recovering status. This meant that by 2004, all of Dudley's SSSIs were in recovering/favourable status, well ahead of the Government's PSA target or 95% of SSSIs by 2010.

The project was instrumental in establishing the Friends of

Cotwall End Valley, where volunteers maintain the site and lead walks. The Friends won more than £26,000 from the Liveability fund and more than £23,000 from the Landfill Tax Credit Scheme towards further site and access improvements. Dudley's Reserve Watch scheme was pioneered at Cotwall End Valley in liaison with local police and Neighbourhood Watch. The aim was to cut anti-social behaviour and it worked; local residents were delighted.

At Bumble Hole LNR, the voluntary Bumble Hole Conservation Group had managed the visitor centre for a number of years. Through Wildspace!, though, they

produced interpretive material and drafted a new management plan for the site.

"Wildspace! has left a lasting legacy," says Kevin Clements, Countryside Manager for Dudley MBC. "There is increased awareness, understanding and involvement in nature conservation generally, improved wildlife habitats and public access, and up-to-date interpretation.

"Working with local community groups and other partners, Dudley Countryside Services will keep the spirit of Wildspace! alive."
– Kevin Clements, Dudley MBC



Dudley MBC

Children enjoy woodland wildlife in Dudley

Welcome to Camden, the LNR capital



London Borough of Camden

Volunteers from University College, London, at Adelaide Nature Reserve

Camden has the highest number of Local Nature Reserves (LNRs) in inner London thanks to the Camden Wildspace! project.

So, with three new LNRs recently declared, what does this mean for local people and what will happen once the Wildspace! funding ends?

Each LNR has a 'friends' group that runs a full programme of leisure and educational activities for local people, and offers plenty of opportunities to get involved in improving the reserves.

All the reserves are open for at least one afternoon a week and one Sunday a month for activities such as nature trails and wildlife walks, building bird boxes or insect houses and learning about Camden Biodiversity Action Plan species such as house sparrows, dragonflies and hedgehogs.

"Some even offer music from classical string quartets and a chance to sample nettle tea and nettle soup," says Moira Cash, Nature Conservation Manager for the London Borough of Camden.

More schools are visiting nature reserves for both informal sessions and structured lessons related to the school curriculum. Play schemes over the summer introduced youngsters to wildlife through pond-dipping and mini-beast hunts.

Volunteer groups from Go! London, BTCV and Network Rail have all contributed to some of the bigger tasks such as lining ponds, building steps and building a field lab.

The London Borough of Camden employs a community liaison officer, Dave Lawrence, who will carry on the work started under the Wildspace! scheme.

– Moira Cash, London Borough of Camden

Friends' enthusiasm works wonders

Three fantastically enthusiastic 'friends' groups, complete with their own artists, species experts and fund-raisers, are some of the best things to come out of 'Wild about Tamworth'.

The project was due to end, but Staffordshire Environment Fund, Tamworth Borough Council and Staffordshire Wildlife Trust have agreed to fund it for a further three years, which will mean work can continue to improve existing wild spaces and can start on some new sites.

It's especially heart-warming for Staffordshire Wildlife Trust project officer Kath Stapley, who helped set up the three groups, which now independently manage the local nature reserves that are important to them.

In each case, she met with residents close to the site to discuss making improvements there. These residents then drummed up support from their friends and neighbours and an initial community meeting was held. Kath facilitated exercises to identify people's key issues regarding the site, and residents



Tamworth Borough Council

Volunteers from Hodge Lane Conservation Group take a well-earned rest

then decided what they would tackle, what they needed more help with and how to get it.

Every group was keen to start making a difference straight away, so the first meeting was followed by a practical task. During the first few months, meetings were held frequently to name the groups, form committees, set up bank accounts and adopt constitutions. Even at this early stage, two of the groups started

to research funding sources. Kath encouraged the groups to survey their sites, map out paths and help write a management plan based on that information. A huge variety of skills was uncovered – there were experienced fund-raisers, artists and moth, bat and bird experts.

Before long, one group was doing a bat walk for another, and volunteers were advising those from another group about funding applications. Each group has continued to work on its site one morning a month, and meets to discuss work every three or four months. Volunteers have made a new circle of friends too. After the first year, members of the groups attended a first aid course and a risk assessment course so that they could lead most of their tasks on their own. Those needing money for access improvements, a dipping platform, educational equipment and general administrative costs found that there was money to be had from sources such as

Tamworth Borough Council, Biffa and Action Earth. The groups continue to grow and to take on more projects. They have worked with many local schools, Tamworth and Lichfield College students, Staffordshire Youth Offending Team, West Midland Bird Club and have run activities and events such as Easter egg hunts, dawn chorus walks, moth evenings and fungi identification courses.

Now, Kath will be repeating her success at three different sites, as well as continuing to support the existing groups. She also wants to organise events where groups can meet to learn from each other. "This way of working is fundamental to the management of LNRs, proposed LNRs and other sites," she says. "Local people have ownership of and make decisions about the areas they are passionate about."

– Kath Stapley, Staffordshire Wildlife Trust



Tamworth Borough Council

Volunteers from Wilnecote Junior and High Schools join in a massive Spring Clean at Town Wall in Wilnecote

Indispensible officers

Wildspace! offered funding for three types of projects: capital projects; land purchases; and the financing of Community Liaison Officer (CLO) posts.

The achievements across all three categories were huge. Wildspace! managers were particularly pleased with the CLO grants, since they created human resources to drive through projects that may otherwise have stalled through lack of staff availability.

'Capital' money financed work such as access improvements, coppicing, grassland management and creation of new wildlife habitats with projects like pond scrapes and heather seeding. Secondly, grants underpinned purchases of land which, with ownership secure, were declared as LNRs, with specialist management to nurture wildlife habitat and community involvement.

Wildspace! provided revenue to employ CLOs to work on LNR declarations and habitat management. Without them, some organisations would not have notched the excellent results they did. Most CLO posts created under Wildspace! will carry on – a testament to their achievements. Wildspace! was unique in enabling its dedicated CLOs to focus entirely on LNR work. It created the time and resources to steer through LNR declarations, and to help establish community

links that manifested themselves in 'friends' groups. These were vital tasks that other staff didn't have time for.

CLOs aroused local people's interest; liaised with local councils on the legal and planning aspects of designating LNRs; and worked closely with Natural England's predecessor, English Nature. They were able to put in intensive community development work in disadvantaged areas and encourage those 'hard to reach' sectors of the community to get

schoolchildren. For many pupils, it was their first experience of the natural world – and one that excited them enough to become regular visitors to the LNRs. Some CLOs produced education packs bursting with ideas for activities linked to the national curriculum, and organised training to give teaching staff the confidence and knowledge they lacked.

Rare wildlife like bittern, bats, redwing, harvest mice and black poplar have been encouraged



Peterborough CLO Rachel Price builds enthusiasm for wildlife among youngsters
Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Northamptonshire and Peterborough

involved in managing and maintaining the LNRs. Many of these groups will continue to care for their local wildlife areas well into the future.

The CLOs managed to surmount the huge obstacles of transport, health and safety issues and teachers' lack of resources to bring environmental education to hundreds of thousands of

onto LNRs. And Wildspace! projects also worked hard to increase the accessibility and visitor-friendliness of reserves through making footpaths and installing seating, gates, signage and interpretation.

The 100% focus that CLOs were able to give LNRs has resulted in green space achievements that will long continue to benefit people and wildlife.