

Report to the Nineveh Charitable Trust

Awbridge Primary School Pond Project

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We received a grant of £1652 in June 2021 from the Trust to purchase equipment to enable better use of the school pond area.

Our school pond area was created by our wonderful caretaker, Mr Eddie Dewey, using entirely recycled materials. Once construction was completed we were keen to use this outdoor teaching area to educate the children about local wildlife. The grant we received from The Nineveh Trust would help us to achieve this.



A team of parent and teacher volunteers got to work straight away to clear the area and make it safe for the children. We received donations of plants and worked hard to clear the area of weeds, laid re-used bark and gave the area a general clear-up.



With the grant funds we purchased pond dipping equipment, information signs, books and bug investigation kits. The children and teachers have already enjoyed using this equipment in the outdoor learning environment over the winter months and we look forward to investigating how the wildlife and plant-life will change over the different seasons.



Outcomes we have sought for the children include:

- Improved wellbeing after Covid lockdown
- Self-confidence and self-esteem discussing their pond-dipping findings
- New skills, knowledge and understanding of pond wildlife and the natural world
- A long-term interest in the environment

Informal feedback from the children and staff are extremely positive and we love this new outdoor learning area.

All of the money was spend on items to be used in the pond area and this once wasteland has been transformed into a wonderful educational resource that can be used all seasons and for many years to come.

Thank you Nineveh Trust!

Sally McConchie

On behalf of the Awbridge Primary Parent Teacher Association