

Pupils from Abbey Hill School - Sheraton spent some time helping the Tees Valley Wildlife Trust to improve the reserve. They also did their John Muir Award.

We planted some reeds to help to filter the pond and to create a habitat for animals to live in. It also creates an area for nesting birds. We also spent the day learning how to use loppers to cut down over hanging branches so people don't get hurt.

We did a litter pick and we found lots of dog poo, which was minging and it made us feel sick.



Pupils planting reeds in the SUDS pond

HARDWICK DENE KEEP IT CLEAN



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Hardwick Dene Nature Reserve



White-letter Hairstreak by Dave O'Brian

Hardwick Dene is a secret valley, a piece of quiet countryside that has been saved from development. Old meadows, hedgerows, woodland and two streams form an oasis for wildlife where, despite its proximity, urban Stockton is quickly forgotten.



Photo - Amy Lewis

Northern Marsh Orchid



The Dene

Blackbird flapping high
Chiffchaff singing in the tree
Robin fly the Dene

Hardwick
Dene
Nature Reserve

Blackbird - Photograph by Amy Lewis



Chiffchaff - Photograph by Neil Aldridge

We used our senses and:

Tasted—Nettles

Touched—Bumpy Bark

Smelled—Flowers

Heard—Birds Singing

Saw— Butterflies Flying



The young people helped by painting the sculpture

What pupils from Abbey Hill School – Sheraton did and thought about Hardwick Dene

We went on a mini-beast hunt and found lots. What can you find?

