



Love Wildlife Competition 2024 Entries

1 - Kettering Nature Group

ketteringnaturegroup.com
Facebook @ ketteringnaturegroup

Type of organisation:

Community or Voluntary Group

Please indicate your organisation's main role and purpose

Our mission is to significantly raise awareness and appreciation of the nature and wildlife in and around Kettering. To achieve this, we organize a range of free events focused on promoting nature education and conservation, and we work to remove any barriers that may prevent people from participating. Furthermore, we take the lead on citizen science projects that aim to inspire the collection of accurate biological records. Our ultimate goal is to equip decision-makers with the necessary information to make informed choices that will benefit the natural environment.

Please describe the project, indicating how it habitats for wildlife, promote biodiversity and the wider benefit to the community.

The Kettering Bats Rock! Tour is an unparalleled series of free guided bat walks organized by Kettering Nature Group. Our walks cover several locations across the town and take place annually from March to October. In 2023, our tour drew over 240 attendees, including many individuals who would not have been able to afford the standard costs associated with guided bat walks. Our events have been instrumental in inspiring these attendees to install bat boxes and other wildlife habitats on their properties and participate in many of the dozens of citizen science surveys which we organise, thereby contributing valuable data to the local biological records center.

These events are not only a fantastic opportunity for nature education but also promote nature conservation and offer multiple health benefits. Attendees can enjoy a safe, guided walk that is fully risk-assessed and insured. They also reap the numerous mental health benefits of nature observation and interact with members of the community from diverse backgrounds, forging new connections and building friendships.

Amount applied for

£1,000

What exactly will the funds pay for?

The money would be used for the purchase of 12 Magenta Bat 4 heterodyne bat detectors @ £75 per unit, and printed materials/advertising with the remaining £100. With our events continuing to draw in high numbers, we're committed to providing an even better experience for all attendees. By investing in more detectors, we can guarantee an even distribution among our guests, ensuring that everyone gets a chance to experience the wonders of these fascinating creatures.

With more detectors at our disposal, we can host more events, more frequently. This means that even more people can join us and become a part of these unforgettable experiences.

When will the activity happen?

Annually between March and October (the season when Bats are not hibernating)

2 - Friends of Kettering Buccleuch Academy

Type of organisation:

Community or Voluntary Group

Please indicate your organisation's main role and purpose

To provide extras and events for the community at and around Kettering Buccleuch

Please describe the project, indicating how it habitats for wildlife, promote biodiversity and the wider benefit to the community.

There is a large patch of land on the corner of Laburnum Crescent by Penny Drive, currently this is lawn at best, and often not even that. Seeding this as a wildflower meadow, and putting up birdboxes in the impressive tree currently there, perhaps a bug hotel would be a wonderful way to utilise this forgotten space.

Amount applied for

£200

What exactly will the funds pay for?

Wildflower seeds, 2 bird boxes, bulbs and perhaps some perennial berries that would encourage wildlife further. We are desperately in need of more meadowland, and this seems a golden opportunity.

When will the activity happen?

Spring/Summer

3 - Friends of Kettering Buccleuch Academy

Kettering Buccleuch Academy

Weekley Glebe Road
Kettering

Type of organisation:

PTA

Please indicate your organisation's main role and purpose

We are the Friends Association at Kettering Buccleuch Academy. Community is key at our school, we love bringing the community together and supporting the school.

Please describe the project, indicating how it habitats for wildlife, promote biodiversity and the wider benefit to the community.

A year 1 Teaching assistant is hoping to revamp the outdoor area by the year 1 classroom with the help of her lunchtime gardening club. Her first task is to declutter the area, then plant some bee and butterfly friendly bulbs and plants within the planters already on the site to promote biodiversity. We hope this will make it a space where children in the future will go and spend some time looking after the plants basic needs and for some time away from the classroom. It may sound like a simple task but it is a great, hands on way to learn how to look after the plants, and it will encourage insects to the area which is also another great learning opportunity for the children. As the year 1 classrooms are at the front of the school, the area is seen by the whole KBA community and we hope it can look vibrant and eye catching and be loved by all, especially the insects it will encourage.

Amount applied for

£200

What exactly will the funds pay for?

£15 spring bulbs
£15 summer perennial seeds
£12 wildflower seeds
£12 per bag - Bark chippings x 4
£5 per bag – compost x 4
£90 Perennial plants and shrubs

When will the activity happen?

February - May 2024

4 - Grow Wild Outreach

www.growwild.life
10 Market Street
Kettering

Type of organisation:

Community Interest Company

Please indicate your organisation's main role and purpose

We provide hands-on outreach services for individuals of all ages, including those with disabilities, learning disabilities, and mental health challenges. Our outreach projects are all outdoor-based and offer support for engaging in local environmental projects and outdoor activities. Our approach can be considered an advanced version of the 'forest school' concept, empowering people facing challenges to participate in activities that promote both personal and environmental growth.

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Grow RE-Wild is a project which focuses on the rewilding of the community areas within Kettering starting at The Yards and then branching out into further areas within the community. It rebuilds ecosystems that have previously been modified by human disturbance, using the plant and animal life that would have been present had the disturbance never occurred.

Grow Re-Wild will focus on habitat restoration working alongside the ideas and focus of RewildBritain to eventually aid in the reintroduction of certain species within the town of Kettering.

We will aim to tackle the lack of diversity in the area and the re-introduction of species of butterfly, bee and native trees and flowers we will then take part in habitat restoration activities building all forms of necessary habitat and rewilding the built up areas

We have recently been allocated space within the Yards to begin this project and want to start the rewild project here with the approval and support of The Yards community. We then wish to roll out the 'Grow RE-Wild ethos' across the town and further.

Amount applied for

£1,000

What exactly will the funds pay for?

Wood for habitat building £500
Wild flower seeds, plants £50
Planting, bulbs and containers £200
Seed collection storage £50
Appropriate PPE and tools £100
Printing advertising £100

When will the activity happen?

throughout the next 12 months in various stages

5 - Kettering Science Academy

Deeble Road
Kettering
NN15 7AA

Type of organisation:

School

Please indicate your organisation's main role and purpose

Secondary School in Kettering

Please describe the project, indicating how it habitats for wildlife, promote biodiversity and the wider benefit to the community.

We will be teaching students how to grow vegetables in order to promote sustainability and life skills for students with special educational needs. This will be incredibly beneficial for these students, as it will allow them to gain invaluable life skills as well as understand how they can be more sustainable and contribute to a greener future. This will also help to give vulnerable students with social, emotional, and mental health needs coping strategies which will help them in facing the challenges of school and later adulthood.

We are also looking to promote biodiversity through the creation of wild-flower gardens, and habitats for pollinators and local wildlife. We will be using this project to help educate children about the importance of biodiversity, sustainability, and local wildlife. We hope that in educating students about these important issues, that we might help them to secure a more sustainable lifestyle and thus secure an increased drive for biodiversity and wildlife protection for the town going forwards.

Amount applied for

£1,000

What exactly will the funds pay for?

Gardening gloves £50
Secateurs £70
Gardening shears £50
Trowels £50
Shovels £70
Gardening forks £70
Gardening pots £ 50
Soil £150
Vegetable seeds £30
Wildflower seeds £30
Canes £15
Wood for building wildlife habitats £50
Storage for tools £70
Mini Greenhouse £20
Watering cans/ hose access £50
Rakes £50
Outdoor brooms £30

De-weeders £30
Wheelbarrow £30
Compost bin £35
Water butt for recycling water £35
Seed bulbs £30

When will the activity happen?

ASAP

6 – Kettering Buccleugh Academy

Weekly Glebe Road, Kettering NN169NS

Type of organisation:

School

Please indicate your organisation's main role and purpose

Education of students

Please describe the project, indicating how it habitats for wildlife, promote biodiversity and the wider benefit to the community.

The project is to create an outdoor herb garden.

This will be linked to the academy House system (the planters will be painted in house colours) and Eco club, who will maintain the garden.

4 herbs - Mint, Parsley, Thyme and Rosemary - will be planted - this was based on a conversation with our cooking teacher who will then use them in cookery lessons. This will benefit all students and help them see how herbs can be grown and then used in cooking.

A site has been located outside of a science classroom and permission given to use this area.

The garden will be looked after by the eco team enabling them to have direct ownership over the herb garden.

Amount applied for

£200

What exactly will the funds pay for?

4 x planters (36.99 each inc delivery) = £148.00

16 packs of seeds (4 of each herb) = approx £3.00 per pack = £48.00

The academy will source the paint and equipment to paint the herb boxes.

Total bid for funds = £196 which leaves £4.00 to contribute petrol costs for getting the seeds from local nursery.

When will the activity happen?
As soon as find out if bid successful! The following Tuesday or Thursday - when eco club meet.

7 – Hayfield Cross Primary School
Barton Seagrave, Kettering NN15 5FJ
Type of organisation:
School
Please indicate your organisation's main role and purpose
Education of children aged 4 - 11.
Please describe the project, indicating how it habitats for wildlife, promote biodiversity and the wider benefit to the community.
Building our wonderful school in 2015 meant sacrificing a great deal of biodiversity. Our Eco Committee, made up of two representatives from years 1 -6, are very passionate about replacing what has been lost as much as possible. It is our plan to create a Forest School within our school grounds. A space dedicated to increasing children's connection with nature, both emotionally and physically. Within our plans are wild flower beds, bug hotels and specially designated areas for birds. This is merely the beginning of our journey to connect our friends and families with the natural world right on their doorstep! Our future plans include increasing the biodiversity of the whole school site. We are participating in the RSPB's 'Wild Challenge' and have also applied for the Bee Barn Project by Kettering Nature Group. If we were lucky enough to be awarded the money, it would have a direct and lasting impact on the health and wellbeing of our school community as a whole, as well as helping the conservation efforts of our Eco Committee.
Amount applied for
£1,000
What exactly will the funds pay for?
The money will be put towards the Forest School Project. This is currently at the quotation stage and is due to be agreed within the next few weeks. The current plans (due to begin this spring) include: thuja plicata martin prunus laurocerasus rotundifolia betula pendula tristis malus red sentinal and winter gold alnus codata and italica viburnum opulus

cornus stolonifera
cornus alba
deutzia gracilis and elegantissima
hydrangea paniculata and pinky winky

When will the activity happen?

Due to begin this spring

8 - PFA of St Marys School Kettering

Fuller Street, Kettering NN15 7DX

Type of organisation:

School Parents' Friends' Association

Please indicate your organisation's main role and purpose

The PFA supports the school in providing opportunities to fundraise and organise community events, voluntary opportunities and supporting the school to deliver projects beyond the curriculum. The committee is made up of 66 volunteers including 3 teachers.

Please describe the project, indicating how it habitats for wildlife, promote biodiversity and the wider benefit to the community.

The school community would like to develop a wellbeing garden which parents and pupils can access. The focus of this area would be to create a habitat of plants where biodiversity would be a focus. This space would be created through volunteers and involve the wider community. A wildflower area will be created using the seeds sent marking the occasion of the coronation. A bug hotel will encourage biodiversity. Physical changes to the outlook of the school well-being garden will enhance the local area whilst providing a natural environment through the involvement of the wider community.

Volunteering opportunities will be created whilst forging links with local groups and organisations impacting on the well-being of all those involved. The well-being garden will be used as a reflective space, encourage mindfulness, deepen self-awareness and enhance a sense of calm, positivity and higher levels of self-efficacy (research outcomes British Psychological Society).

The community project will focus on the environment, raising awareness and providing activities to promote biodiversity and create habitat for wildlife such as hedgehogs whose numbers have fallen rapidly in the last few years.

Amount applied for

£1,000

What exactly will the funds pay for?

If we receive £1,000:

Bug hotel - £130

<https://www.wayfair.co.uk/garden/pdp/luxus-insektenhotels-free-standing-bumblebee-house-lxus1004.html>

2 raised bed planter - £145 x 2 = £290

<https://www.wayfair.co.uk/garden/pdp/forest-gardencaledonian-180cm-x-45cm-wooden-raised-flower-bed-u003641879.html>

Beekeeper presentation and bee activities (planting and growing) - £150

Hoverfly lagoon presentation and activity to promote biodiversity - £50

Hedgehog house - £40

Wormery - £150

https://www.wigglywiggles.co.uk/products/wormery-kitchen-garden?currency=GBP&utm_medium=cpc&utm_source=google&utm_campaign=Google%20Shopping&stkn=91471c744229&qclid=EAlaIqobChMI5JmZ2NKmhAMVAMJMAh2ohAztEAQYBCABEgJwMPD_BwE

Plants such as cat mint, lavender, witch hazel and herbs to create a multi-sensory garden and wildflowers to promote biodiversity - £100

Bird feeders - £90

If we only got the £200:

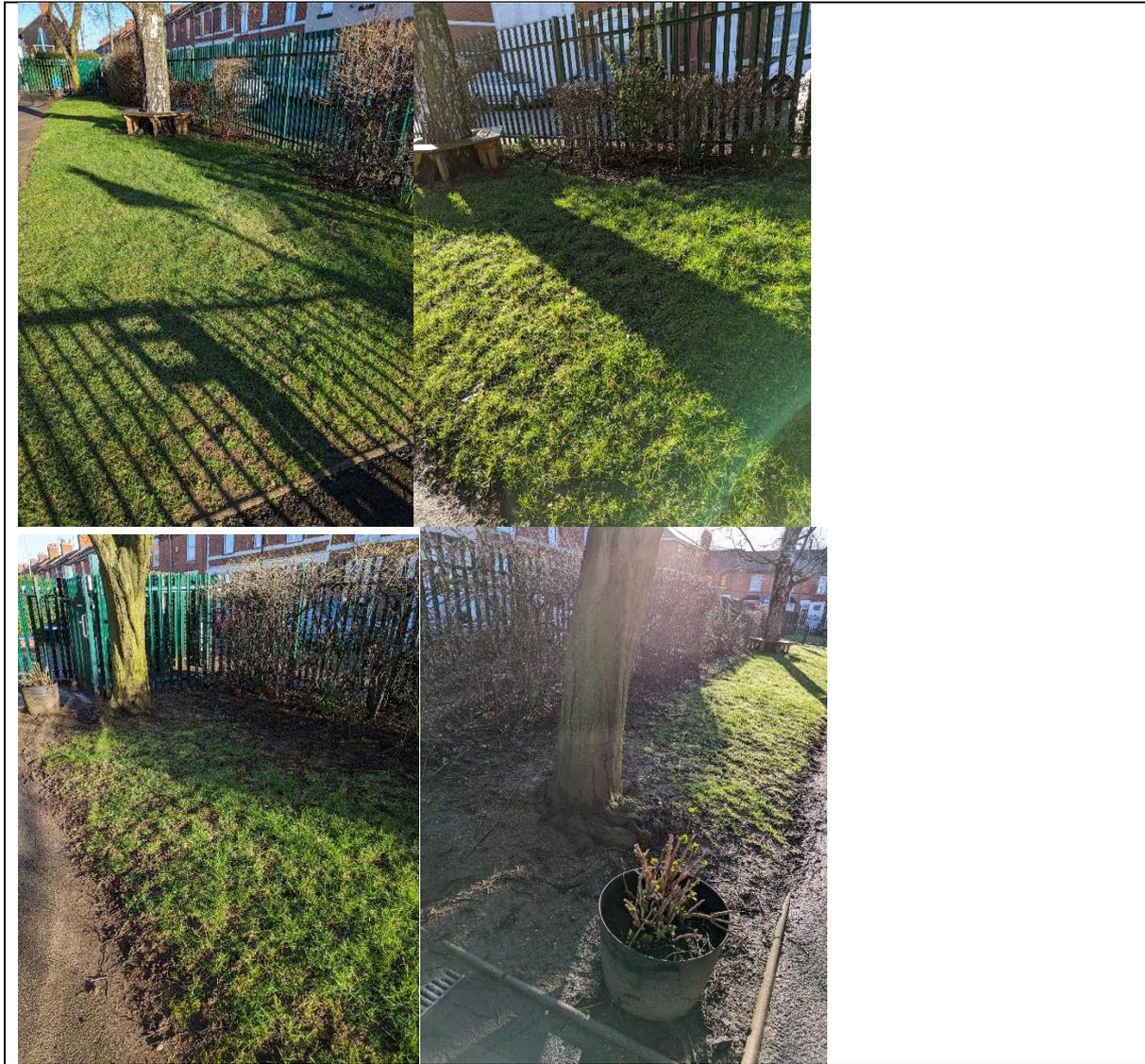
- We would use the money to raise environmental awareness at the 'love the world' event:
- hedgehog homes - £40
- bird feeder - £90
- biodiversity activities, creating a bee-friendly environment information and wildflower seed (packs) - £60

When will the activity happen?

Saturday 20 April 2024

Additional information

Photos of the area:



9 – Bishop Stopford School

161 Headlands Kettering NN15 6BJ

Type of organisation:

School

Please indicate your organisation's main role and purpose

As a large secondary school our intent is that every student should realise his or her unique potential. Aspiration underpins our curriculum: it is designed so that no student is left behind or left out because of social, learning or other disadvantage. Both the taught and the wider curriculum are carefully planned to ensure that not only are students' basic skills secured, but they provide the foundation for future

success. We aim to develop highly literate, numerate and knowledgeable learners who are creative, self-regulating and resilient. They have opportunities to develop depth as well as breadth, and because they are socially equipped, they can engage confidently with the wider world.

Please describe the project, indicating how it habitats for wildlife, promote biodiversity and the wider benefit to the community.

This project was started last Summer during a project week - in the digging of several flower beds, creation of herb planters and setting up bucket ponds/ compost bin etc. We also planned a pathway and have allowed the grass beneath to die in readiness for this.

We now want to start a gardening society this Spring time, to tidy up the area after winter and to develop this area of land, with focussed days in project week in June involving groups of year 8 students to do the work as a super curricular activity.

We would like to plant more flowers for butterfly and bee populations including several buddlejas, which are fabulous for bringing butterflies to an area.

We would like to use the natural water source in this area to form a small pond area to attract tadpoles and wildlife and birds to the area, creating more bird feeders.

The pathways will lead to the 2 benches so that this area can be used as a wellbeing and reflective space for students and staff.

Amount applied for

£200

What exactly will the funds pay for?

Laying pathways - probably bark £60

Planting of bulbs on the cleared banks - daffodils £20 Digging more flower beds and planting £40 Plant buddlejas £50 Creating a vegetable patch/bed for early seed potatoes for use in the school canteen £30 Creating the natural source of water in this area into a small pond area with pond liner and planting £50

When will the activity happen?

June 2024 - Super Curricular Week along with plans to start a Gardening/Horticultural society

10 – Brambleside Primary School

Cleveland Avenue, Kettering

Type of organisation:

School

Please indicate your organisation's main role and purpose

Primary level education

Please describe the project, indicating how it habitats for wildlife, promote biodiversity and the wider benefit to the community.

We have some areas around the school that we would like to plant with some insect attracting plants. We would like to encourage butterflies and bees along with other insects and wildlife. As well as being great for the environment, these would be fantastic learning environments for the children. We would also like to include bug hotels, bird boxes, and we hedgehog boxes. We are planning to relocate some existing plant life to other areas around the school to enhance these areas.

Amount applied for

£1,000

What exactly will the funds pay for?

Purchasing plants - 50%
Groundworks - 25%
Labour - 25%

When will the activity happen?

March 2024

11- Southfield School For Girls

Lewis Rd, Kettering

Type of organisation:

School

Please indicate your organisation's main role and purpose

Education

Please describe the project, indicating how it habitats for wildlife, promote biodiversity and the wider benefit to the community.

For our school, we would like to create a little area with a couple of bench-seats, which have planting pots attached. In the planting pots, we would like to plant some herbs but also other plants (including lavender and some sunflowers in the correct season). This would be great for biodiversity and would attract a range of insects, whilst also being a lovely place for student well-being too. By having the benches with the planting pots attached, we are hoping that this will encourage connectivity between students and nature.

Amount applied for

£200

What exactly will the funds pay for?

We have seen some benches with flower pots on either end (wooden) for approximately £60 each. We would like 2 of these. We then plan to fill the planting pots with compost. We have budgeted £48 for this (12 bags of 50L compost). We would then have around £42 remaining, which we would spend on the actual planting of plants. We plan to buy a few plants that are already established, and plan to grow the rest from seeds, as part of our gardening group.

When will the activity happen?

Just after Easter

12 - Southfield School For Girls

Lewis Rd, Kettering

Type of organisation:

School

Please indicate your organisation's main role and purpose

Education

Please describe the project, indicating how it habitats for wildlife, promote biodiversity and the wider benefit to the community.

We would like to further develop our pond habitat area, as a result of last year's project. We would like to encourage more wildlife to the area by putting up bat boxes, hedgehog homes and a bee barn. We would like to plant some buddleia in our little wildlife area to encourage the butterflies and also sow some wildflower seeds. We would like to also add more pond plants to our pond, to further encourage biodiversity.

Amount applied for

£200

What exactly will the funds pay for?

We will spend approximately £25 on a hedgehog house, £40 on 2 bee barns, £25 on a bat box, £80 on wild flower seeds, and approximately £30 on flowers and plants for the pond.

When will the activity happen?

Just after Easter

Kettering Park Junior Academy PTFA

Wellington St, Kettering

Type of organisation:

School PTA/charity

Please indicate your organisation's main role and purpose

Education We aim to provide the children with experiences and opportunities they may not ordinarily be able to access. The school has children from varying backgrounds.

Please describe the project, indicating how it habitats for wildlife, promote biodiversity and the wider benefit to the community.

At the school there is a wonderful garden attached to the old caretakers house. We are wanting to set up an "Eco Club" within the school. The aim is for the children to be able to utilise the garden and turn it into an eco hub. Planting wildflowers to promote wildlife, bug houses, bird boxes, growing their own produce.

If we were to receive the money we would set out to facilitate this group by using the money for a shed, gardening tools, seeds, water butt, composter, raised beds and a space for them to sit and enjoy the area that they have created. Wellbeing Ambassadors have also recently been chosen and this would be a wonderful space for them to use.

Amount applied for

£1000

What exactly will the funds pay for?

Shed £395
Tools £175
Seeds - £50
Composter - £60
Water butts - £70
Picnic style table - £250

Also money could be used to source materials for the children to make their own bug hotels, bird boxes etc.

When will the activity happen?

By autumn 2024

William Street Community Garden

William St, Kettering

Type of organisation:

Community or Voluntary Group

Please indicate your organisation's main role and purpose

The main aim of the William Street Community Garden remains to create a space to help educate people within the community and wider residential areas to the benefits of growing their own food, composting and wildlife diversity

Please describe the project, indicating how it habitats for wildlife, promote biodiversity and the wider benefit to the community.

Our Wildlife garden area is beginning to show signs of naturalisation. We have left this area relatively untouched and have seen the growth of native plants such as yarrow. The bug church and bird houses are showing signs of visitation and we are excited to have had a sighting of Blue Tits investigating one of the bird houses.

To increase our biodiversity we would like funding to be used towards building a wildlife pond. The approximate size of the pond would be 1 metre square.

In the autumn of 2023 we introduced frogs to the garden, these were rescued from one of the neighbourhood houses during building work to their garden. We set a shallow tray within the grounds filled with water to give the frogs their area but would like to make this a more permanent feature.

We will encourage further tadpoles and larvae by planting underwater oxygenating plants such as hornwort within the pond. Water iris will hopefully encourage damselfly and dragonfly larvae.

Birds will also benefit from the existence of a pond. Not only for the water but also from the insects which the pond will attract.

We believe a pond is a necessary part of a wildlife garden and hope we can secure funding for this project.

Amount applied for

£200

What exactly will the funds pay for?

Pondliner - £40
x5 Bags of Sharp Sand - £17.50 total
Solar pump and filter -£100
x2 Bags of Cobbles - £20 total
Water Buttercup Plants - £3.50
Willow Moss - £5
Iris - £12
Hornwort - £6

When will the activity happen?

Straight away

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