

WILD YOUR SPACE

Wild your school
Rewild your children

Your Digital Toolkit (and WhatsApp Group)

As a nature restoration charity (based here, in the Scottish Borders), Bright Green Nature hope to help you to restore nature - both in your school grounds, and in the minds of our younger generations. We want children, of all ages, to understand and appreciate the natural world around them by experiencing it first hand, and in a truly holistic way.



We see outdoor learning, at every possible opportunity, as absolutely vital in this journey. The more children learn about nature, the more they will care about it. And by nurturing this care and passion, many of them will look to make a difference, now and long into the future.

But we know that getting started is not always easy, that's why we have set up this digital toolkit. The Bright Green Nature Team have done this work, so that busy school teachers don't have to.

Funding

Don't forget our Wild Your Space Microgrant, which is unique to the Scottish Borders and which has already helped numerous local schools to make their playgrounds more wild-life (and child) friendly.

www.brightgreennature.org/microgrant

Everyone knows that the internet offers an infinite range of websites, articles, videos, images and much more, but not everyone has an unlimited amount of time to carry out searches, or to identify the good from the bad, and the right from the wrong. It can also be a challenge to find material on the world-wide-web that is actually even relevant in The Scottish Borders.

Hopefully, as you explore this unique, and totally bespoke, digital toolkit you will find enough information to inspire rewilding projects and outdoor learning activities. We aim to give you a useful amount of detail, without making things overly complicated and swamping you with unnecessary blurb. Many additional links are also provided throughout, so that you have recommended additional information - but remember that we are always just a phone call or an email away.

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19. **Bird Nesting Boxes**
20. **Hedgehogs (and Trail Cameras)**

Plus

To Follow (work in progress)

Age appropriate games and outdoor learning activities

Citizen Science/BioBlitz/
Pond Dipping/Fit Counts etc

Dead Wood/Fungi/Mosses and Lichens

Invertebrates/Flying Insects/
Crawling Insects

Natural History/Local Heritage

Websites/Newsletters/Books/Films

Training providers and opportunities

For the foreseeable future, we expect this will be continually evolving and very much work in progress. So, please don't hesitate to contact Fraser (fraser@brightgreennature.org) with honest and genuine feedback along with any **ideas for useful additional content**. This is your toolkit and we want to get this right for you!

WhatsApp Group

The Scottish Borders is a large area, but there is no longer any need to feel isolated in your rewilding endeavours. Most schools (and youth groups) have eco-ambassadors working hard for nature and for children.

Now you can all link-up!

Bright Green Nature have launched, a dedicated **WhatsApp** group called **Borders Eco Teachers** for Borders based school teachers, key parents and youth group leaders to connect with each other and provide support, whilst sharing ideas and best practises.

To join this enthusiastic and like-minded group, simply message Fraser via WhatsApp on **07920 065620**



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