

TONBRIDGE BRANCH SUPPORTS SCHOOL SCIENCE PROJECT

BRANCH MANAGER PROVIDES MATERIALS FOR POND PROJECT

When Parkers' Tonbridge branch manager Martin Ballantyne was asked to support a local school's science project by providing materials for the building of a pond and a 'bug hotel', goodwill (and curiosity) got the better of him !

Late last year, Hildenborough Church of England School teacher Eleanor Bindemann was busier than ever, obtaining grants and donations from local businesses to help her and her pupils to develop the recently cleared orchard area in the school grounds.

She arranged for the Medway Valley Countryside Partnership and a team of parents and other volunteers to build a raised pond and bug hotel to support science teaching projects in the school, and work began at the end of November.

Parkers were able to help by offering timber, fixings, shingle and hardwood sleepers which formed the main structure around the top of the pond. Eleanor wrote to Martin just before Christmas to thank him for his generous support with the project and attached a photo of the completed pond (right).

The fire brigade arrived on the scene to fill up the pond for them, which the younger children (and some of the teachers !) very much enjoyed.

Congratulations to Hildenborough C of E Primary School for a job well done, and to Martin Ballantyne for helping such a worthy project.



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