

Organisation: Lairnhillock Primary School, Netherley

Aim: To create an Eco garden to introduce the children of the school and local community to nature and gardening, while promoting learning.

Bursary amount: £2,000

Spend: The school has constructed a greenhouse, built vegetable beds and all of the school children have sown a sunflower seed.

To help with the work, the school hold volunteer days every Mondays between 9.30-11.30, where activities range from planting, pebble painting and bug hunting to creating garden decorations and building habitats to attract wildlife.

Nicole Oakley, one of the garden co-ordinators at Lairnhillock School said: "We were delighted to receive part of the community bursary. It has allowed us to introduce the children to a whole range of gardening skills and nature themes. It has also been a fun way for us to engage the wider community, meaning everyone can be involved."

The school has even had a visit from local MP Robert Smith, who came along to see the great progress that had been made on the garden.

