

# BORO BECKS

Inspiring local  
people to love  
their wild spaces

Newsletter; Edition 11 Summer 2013



## Welcome

We're celebrating the achievements of the project in what is our last Boro Becks newsletter. The funding and staff team remain in place until December 2013, after which various options are being looked at to help continue the Boro Becks brand and activities in some shape or form. We have plenty of plans to keep us busy over the next few months with school sessions, events, practical work and walks so look out for flyers and press releases and join in!

Since March, we've worked extensively with Newham Bridge Primary School supporting the staff and children in their quest for Eco School status and linking the school to the green wildlife corridor of Marton West Beck on their doorstep.

Staying with Marton West Beck, we held our first Friends of Marton West Beck meeting to look at how the group can work. Future monthly meetings at the Sutton House Centre on the Sutton Estate, Beechwood are scheduled for the summer; please check local press or contact our office to find out more.

Spencer Beck has been a hive of activity recently with a number of gateway sculptures fabricated and installed by artist Jim Roberts. Staff and children at Caldicotes, Thorntree and Pennyman Primary Schools put their enthusiasm and creative flair to good use in a series of art workshops to design the detailed features that decorate the gateway sculptures. Meanwhile, on 17th May a team of

businesses came together through Business in the Community to mark Give and Gain Day, a national employee volunteering day. Everyone tackled such jobs as painting and litter picking in glorious sunshine.

And finally, remember to check the latest news and wildlife sightings on our facebook page and twitter feed @BoroBecksTeam, which will be regularly updated until December 2013.



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# Thank You!

We're taking the opportunity to say a heartfelt thank you to all the individuals, volunteers, schools, families, organisations, charities, businesses and local authority officers who've helped make our project such a success. There are too many to list but the following two pages give a visual taster of what we did, how we did it and who joined in the fun!



Metal bench designed by artists from Berwick Hills Primary School and sculptor Graeme Hopper



Enjoying the sun at an Elemental Explorer session at Ormesby Beck



Little Beck Explorer packs available to borrow from selected libraries



Butterfly walk up Middle Beck



Bug hunting with St Edward's RC Primary School



Guided walk up Marton West Beck



Community litter pick event



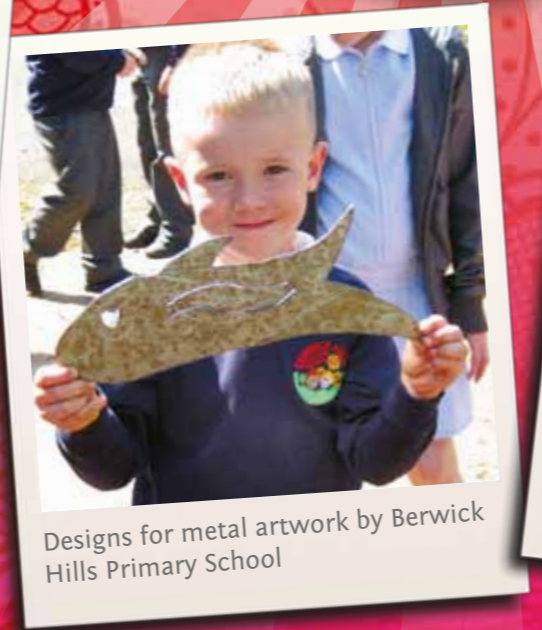
Traditional woodcraft demonstrations



Enjoying the animals at the Spring Fair



Volunteer rangers planting a hedge on Spencer Beck



Designs for metal artwork by Berwick Hills Primary School



Art workshop with Newham Bridge Primary School



Blowing bubbles along Ormesby Beck



Volunteer rangers create a dead hedge along Marton West Beck



Family crafts at the Autumn Roadshow



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# Free Events and Activities

All family events are registered with the Children's University so please remember to bring learning passports and record the time spent with us.

For more details or to book where needed, ring 01642 515618 or email [borobecks@middlesbrough.gov.uk](mailto:borobecks@middlesbrough.gov.uk).

Please note; all children (16 years and under) must be accompanied by an adult.

## Big Butterfly Count

Keep your fingers crossed for good weather as we search for moths and butterflies.

**Tuesday 30th July 2-3.30pm**, meet at Sutton House Centre

**Thursday 1st August 2-3.30pm** meet at Charlbury Road Community Centre.

## Big Bug Hunt and Crafts

**Thursday 8th August 1-3pm**

Discover the wealth of bugs living in the beautiful flower meadow at Berwick Hills followed by a creepy crawlie craft session in the POD building.

Meet at the sculptured gate by Berwick Hills community allotment, off Bradhope Road, behind Copgrove Close. Booking essential.



## Teddy Bear's Picnic

**Wed 14th August 1-3pm**

Sutton House Centre

Bring your favourite teddy for tasty treats, face painting and teddy crafts.

## Big Bug Hunt

**Thursday 15th August**

**2-3.30pm**

Discover the wealth of creepy crawlies that live along Ormesby Beck.

Please meet outside the former Park End Community Centre on Overdale Road.



## Volunteer Update

The volunteer ranger team have had a busy season so far with regular strimming, litter picks and patrols.

Volunteers have given so much of their time and energy to enable the project to achieve many successes. Friendships have been forged along the way and we wish the group all the best for the future. If you're interested in joining the team to help improve the becks, please contact the council's volunteering department on 01642 727127 or email [volunteering@middlesbrough.gov.uk](mailto:volunteering@middlesbrough.gov.uk).

## PRIZE DRAW • PRIZE DRAW • PRIZE DRAW • PRIZE DRAW • PRIZE DRAW

For a chance to win a £50 Argos voucher, tell us what you think of the project in its last year by completing the questionnaire on the Boro Becks webpage on the Middlesbrough council website. Contact the Groundwork NE office for a paper copy on 01642 815663 or write to Groundwork NE, Linthorpe Cemetery Lodge, Burlam Road, Linthorpe, TS5 5AP.



## Important numbers

If you spot a problem when out on the becks, use the numbers below to report it;

### Pollution incidents

Environment Agency's 24-hour pollution hotline  
0800 807060

### Rubbish in the becks or along the valleys

Middlesbrough Council Environment hotline  
01642 726001

Contact details;

[borobecks@middlesbrough.gov.uk](mailto:borobecks@middlesbrough.gov.uk) / [www.middlesbrough.gov.uk](http://www.middlesbrough.gov.uk)