

Community Custodians

As an Eco-School caring for your environment will hopefully be well embedded into your school.

There are many areas of the local community that are less well cared for and, with decreasing local authority budgets, may have become a bit neglected. Wouldn't it be great if your local community looked clean, cared for and made people and wildlife want to visit the area?



Your challenge is to 'adopt' an area of your community. This could be a path to the school, an area of the local park, a car-park or anywhere that you think needs a little bit of looking after.

You could:

- Ensure that the area stays litter free
- Introduce or care for some hanging baskets or planters
- Survey the hedgerows using the Long Forest app and get involved in planting native hedgerow trees in any gaps
- Make sure there are enough bins for all the types of litter in the area
- Work with the Community Council to improve the facilities if needed
- Create habitats for wildlife and carry out surveys to see what is living locally
- Provide food and habitats for Pollinators or achieve a 'Bee Friendly' status

There may be grants available to support whatever you choose to do if it involves money. Whatever you decide to do, you need to make sure that you communicate with your Community Council and publicise what you do to help spread the message that you are caring for your community. Many Community Council's also have small pots of money that could be used to help your activities. You may even inspire other local groups or people to do the same!

Please let us know if you take part in a challenge by emailing eco-schools@keepwalestidy.cymru or tweeting @EcoSchoolsWales