

# School visits to the Green Patch

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# Welcome to the Green Patch

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The Green Patch is an award winning community garden and Groundwork Northamptonshire's flagship project. Nestled in the heart of England, hosting volunteer days, children's clubs, education sessions and family events

Established on a 2.5 acres site, the Green Patch is a welcoming community hub featuring a community garden with four large polytunnels, beehives, a sensory garden with a barefoot trail, free play areas with a pirate ship and mud kitchen, a grass paddock, wildlife orchard and wildlife ponds. There are ducks, chickens, rabbits, and....a community cat!

It is a vibrant and inspiring place for growing confidence, meeting new people and having new and inspiring experiences.





**The site is honestly a hidden gem and once discovered by members of the local community, they come back many times**

*Green Flag Award Judge, 2022*

## **School visits to the Green Patch**

We believe that every child should have access to green spaces and the opportunity to experience lessons outside the classroom.

Our school trips to the Green Patch are available for both Key Stages 1 and 2. We offer a vast array of activities with experienced and trained sessional staff. We can adapt the activities of your visit to fit alongside your curriculum as needed.

Examples of the many activities on offer include:

- Pond dipping and basic pond biology
- Wildlife habitats
- Introduction to honey bees
- Discover land minibeasts
- Insects wonderverse
- Scavenger hunts
- Arts and crafts with nature
- Plant detectives
- Farm animals and interesting facts!

Contact us to make a booking and discuss a programme that will be tailor-made to meet the needs of your students.



# Benefits of excursions to green spaces

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**Connecting with green spaces is proven to improve physical, social and mental health in children. We introduce school children to nature to in a way they can invite it into their lives.**

Our school trips are led by skilled and trained youth workers providing a positive and enjoyable social experience for your students. Our activities connect children with their local natural environment leaving them with insights and abilities they can take away with them.

By booking your school trip with us you are helping to support a vibrant community asset and rare and extraordinary environmental project.

A wonderful day is usually had by all at the Green Patch.



## Book your trip

Immerse your class in hands on learning with an educational school visit to your local community green space.

For any queries, or to make a booking, please email:

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## What to expect on the day

When you book with us we will send you a detailed pack on how to prepare for your day out, where to find us etc.

As a brief overview, you will be provided with:

- A weather sheltered class sized area for children and staff, with seating and suitable for holding class sessions.
- At least two skilled and experienced staff to lead outdoor activities and learning sessions.
- Activity sheets and/or printing services for any material you bring along.
- A wide selection of optional activities that can be adapted for weather and season.
- Any required implements or tools e.g. pond dipping equipment
- Refreshments in the form of tea, coffee and cordials for children.
- A joyful, inspiring, outdoor educational session in an extraordinary local green space.





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