

# Making Shamley Green a better place for wildlife!

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On the 21 April a Professor called Professor James Hitchmough came to our class. James designs gardens and landscapes but most importantly he uses lots of flowers! He told us that he helped to design the Olympic Park in London for the 2012 London Olympics.

Flowers are good for a lot of insects like butterflies and bees. They need flowers both butterflies and bees need the pollen to pollinate other flowers to keep the flowers alive.



(This is the Olympic Park that James designed)

It is not just James who can help the environment - you can help too! It is not just insects that you need to think about, it is the animals too. If you're lucky enough maybe you could get a pond! Birds love to drink and wash in ponds or, if you haven't got space - even a saucer or bowl of water will help. A bird feeder is a great help in the garden, or if you're really creative you could make a bird box. You could get a hedgehog house and don't forget to leave a gap under your fences so they can move around. A pile of leaves at the bottom of the garden is a great natural environment, or even better a compost heap - that will help you to grow things, and nature in all kinds of ways.



Another idea is to go on or organise a group litter pick with some friends. Perhaps even taking a bag in your pocket to pick up rubbish if you are out on a walk or a dog walk would be possible? There are so many ways to help....

If we can help the environment and wildlife Shamley green will be a much better place for everyone and everything.

Thank you for reading!

