

Report



Climate Challenge Fund Spring 2013

Over the last few months we have been doing various different activities with our young people related to aspects of our award from The Climate Challenge Fund.

A bike course has been started at the Skatepark on a Thursday evening. A group of young people aged from 12 – 18 who came along were given an old bike which they were able to work on and restore. This project organised by the Hub, a local youth project, has been a great success so far and the Police have now become involved and are going to show them good road practice.

The Youth Clubs have been doing various different activities ranging from helping clean up our local Burn, to face painting with recycled materials, doing arts and crafts from all recyclable materials and going out to local ponds and water areas and learning about the impact of waste on the animals in the area. They have grown their own plants from seeds with the intention of planting them back outdoors later in the month and then we will keep a check on them over the summer.

The kids have really enjoyed learning all about this kind of thing and most of them didn't realise it is quite easy to do, and

every little bit helps reduce their own carbon footprint. When we started doing these different things with the kids were unsure if they would take it all on board, but it seems to have worked well especially when we took them outside and explained about wildlife and things.

We aim to do some more projects over the rest of the year to keep the children interested in this kind of thing. The face painting was a huge hit with all of the kids and when they realised they didn't have to go out and buy expensive paints they all said they would go home and get mum or dad to help them make their own.

