

The Jim Grogan Countryside and Wildlife Award 2013/2014

Leah Barnham

Leah takes responsibility for looking after wildlife both in her immediate environment and beyond. She feeds the birds in her garden each week. She enjoys recognising the regular visitors and can identify many different species. Leah has worked out which food the different birds like best and can even count the different families of birds that visit.

Leah also looks after slugs, snails, frogs and ladybirds that appear in the garden and, should she find one that looks lost, takes responsibility for re-homing them. Leah is also a member of the Butterfly Conservation Trust in addition to the RSPB.

Leah's grandpa is a member of the Woodland Trust and Leah often assists with his work on Grogan's Walk. This involves digging holes, measuring water levels, marking out areas of footpath and she also enjoys assisting the trust workers with hedge laying. Further to this, Leah is also the proud sponsor of bird box number 33!

Back at home, Leah helps her family to grow fruit and vegetables - from strawberries to potatoes. She has learned to tell the difference between plants and weeds. Leah grows sunflowers from seed each year, remembering to water them regularly and, this year, their heights have been closely monitored for a competition she is undertaking with some friends.

Leah enjoys outdoor learning at school very much and was very successful when her class attended Forest School. Leah is proud of the Woodland Walk and uses it frequently. She is always keen to help the Woodland Trust and volunteers whenever possible. For example, this year, she assisted at the Woodland Plant Fair, helping to sell plants as well as helping with the raffle.

Leah is a worthy winner for the award this year due to her on-going commitment to plant and wildlife conservation, particularly in Tarvin Village.

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