

## **The Jim Grogan Countryside and Wildlife Award 2015-2016**

**Cara Mulligan**

**Cara has always had a love for nature and wildlife from a young age.**

**She is a member of the Cheshire Wildlife Trust and regularly attends local wildlife watch events, which are held in Tarvin Woodland. Activities and projects that she has been involved in have included 'bug hotel' construction, nest building and forest art .**

**Cara has actively participated in Tarvin Flower Show for the last three years – the crowning moment being the winning of first prize for her miniature secret garden. As well as this, she has won second prize for her artwork and last year brought home the Lichfield Shield (overall best in show for children) for her picture of a tree creeper.**

**Cara loves to identify wildflowers and trees and has a good knowledge of the local flora and fauna that occupy Tarvin Woodland. As well as this, Cara has developed a real understanding of the wildlife, and in particular the birds, that are to be found in the local area. Her love of this was most aptly demonstrated when, last year, she spent six weeks getting up at 6am every morning to walk down to the Roman Bridges to view the nesting Kingfishers.**

**Cara also takes the responsibility for encouraging the wildlife In the family garden. She feeds the birds, although she does get cross when the pigeons eat all the food! Furthermore, she grows wildflowers every year from seed.**

**Cara has shown herself to be a worthy winner of the Jim Grogan Countryside and Wildlife Award not just because of her love of nature, but also because of the active responsibility she takes for encouraging and nurturing it in Tarvin.**

**Andrew Davies  
Headteacher  
Tarvin Primary School**

**Stuart Exell  
Chairman  
Tarvin  
Community  
Woodland Trust**

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