

**The Jim Grogan Countryside and Wildlife Award 2016-2017**

**Annabel Thorp**

**Annabel has, throughout the whole of her time at Tarvin, shown a keen interest in, and developed a good understanding of, the plants and wildlife in the local areas.**

**Annabel first became interested in butterflies in Pre-School, where Lyn Jackson encouraged her enormously. After she was given a Butterfly Raising Kit in Year 3, she followed the process with fascination and was able to identify a range of different types of butterfly as a result, which led to her receiving not only a green, but also a silver Blue Peter badge.**

**She has an interest in birds which appear in the area, and took part in this year's RSPB "Big Garden Bird Watch". She identified and recorded the species of birds that appeared in the garden, recording her results, which then fed a nationwide survey; she found this all fascinating.**

**She has devoted a great deal of time to helping out with the Tarvin Community Woodland Trust. She has twice helped out with the plant sale; first by helping her dad to distribute the trust's leaflets and then assisting in the sales themselves – learning a great deal about the plants sold in the process.**

**In Year 5, alongside her friends, she raised an impressive amount through a cake sale, organised to raise funds for the Trust's work.**

**In September 2016, she helped to organise, and then took a very active part in, the trust's celebration walk.**

**She has twice helped out at the Trust's apple pressing days where she learned about the apple pressing process and saw how the products were not wasted, but sent to a local farmer as pig food!**

**She has also acted as the Trust's official "Publicity Officer" in school, speaking in assemblies and generally aiming to raise awareness of the Trust's work – which she has been successful in doing.**

**Andrew Davies  
Headteacher  
Tarvin Primary School**

**Stuart Exell  
Chairman  
Tarvin  
Community  
Woodland Trust**

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