

The Jim Grogan Countryside and Wildlife Award 2017-18

Oliver Bebbington

Oliver has always had a keen interest in both learning about wildlife and conserving the local area.

He has taken part in a number of community projects. He helped in the tidying up of the Millennium Garden by the doctors' surgery along with the beavers; he helped the Woodland Trust to replant snowdrops in the Woodland Walk and he has taken part in several organised litter picks. Oliver also takes it upon himself to clear up litter left by others - to keep the village looking nice. He has a great sense of pride in the village. He will take the initiative because he has the sense of responsibility to do his bit.

Oliver has a keen interest in the local wildlife. He enjoys observing birds in the garden, particularly the buzzards, jays and woodpeckers. He also participated in the RSPB bird watch. He helps with the birdfeeders that have attracted pied wagtails, blue tits, great tits and sparrows into the garden. In addition, he likes to study and identify the different bugs he finds locally.

His love of wildlife extends into and beyond the local area; he studies the frogs in the garden pond – watching them develop from frogspawn – and he regularly visits both bird of prey centres and Chester Zoo to learn about the animals and their conservation. All these activities have given him an excellent knowledge of wildlife.

Oliver takes a keen interest in the garden and helps to grow and look after many vegetables – from planting the seeds to harvesting the crop – growing beans, cucumber, lettuce, celery and broccoli for the family.

Along with his sister, he has planted roses and wildflower seeds in memory of his Nana Jean and Grandad Derek, whom he used to help plant bulbs each year.

His dedication to the understanding and conservation of the plants and wildlife of Tarvin village mean that Oliver is a truly worthy recipient of this year's award.

**Andrew Davies
Headteacher
Tarvin Primary School**

**Stuart Exell
Chairman
Tarvin
Community
Woodland Trust**

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