



Children from Bowker Vale Primary School help to knock up a bird box
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Youngsters are boxing clever

FRIENDS of Blackley Forest recruited local school children in a bid to help the area's bird life.

Pupils from Bowker Vale Primary School made bird boxes at the forest on Thursday and their efforts will be featured in the BBC's Natures Calendar series.

The project was one of a number of initiatives the Friends hope will encourage more young people to use the park.

Group member Dot Keller said: "Working with local schools is one way of introducing children into

the forest and doing something practical, such as bird box making, gives them a real sense that they are contributing to the conservation of birds in the forest.

"We want the forest to go from strength to strength and for this to happen we need more people to be actively involved from bird box making to planting or just going for walk and enjoying the environment."

Anyone interested in joining the Friends of Blackley Forest and getting more involved in the life of the forest should contact Dot Keller on 0161 795 0900.

The pupils get to grips with a telescope as they try and spot some of the forest's wildlife
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