



Wilder Kent AWARDS

Thank you for applying to take part in the Wilder Kent Awards 2024. By entering, you will be showing your ambition to connect people with nature and protect wildlife for the future. Any achievement is a helping hand for wildlife and the scheme allows you to increase your award level year on year so you can help wildlife for as long as possible.

This form will be your submission document. You can use it to track your progress across the year and then submit this form, along with supporting evidence, by **31st May 2024** to the following website: kwtg.uk/upload-evidence

We **strongly encourage the use of photographs and videos** to evidence and support your submission. Throughout the year, it may be a good idea to create three folders on your computer to store supporting evidence for each of the three categories listed below. These folders can then be uploaded along with this submission form to the above website in May 2024. Please **do not insert photos into this form** – only use this form to describe the ways you feel you have met the criteria.

Name of group:	
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Have you applied for the Wilder Kent Awards before?	No – this is our first time!	Yes – please state the year you applied and level of award achieved

We have broken the awards down into three categories: **1. Protecting Wildlife**, **2. Sustainability and Carbon Reduction** and **3. Engage with Nature**. Use the below table to detail and record your work towards each of the criteria. You do not have to have completed everything in each category, but the more you do the more you will be helping to protect nature and create a wilder Kent. For some criteria, we have also provided some links to **Tips** which could help you on your journey. Best of luck!

1. Protecting Wildlife

Criteria	Please identify which criteria you have met and describe how you have met them:
Have a wildlife garden / space supporting a range of wildlife. Learn more	
Ensure areas of long grass are left to provide wildlife habitat on site. Learn more	
Install and maintain bird boxes where appropriate. Learn more	

Install and maintain hedgehog boxes where appropriate. Learn more	
Install and maintain bat boxes where appropriate. Learn more	
Install and maintain minibeast homes at all suitable places. Learn more	
Leave food for wildlife during winter months. Learn more	
Ensure that no chemicals are used on the gardens or wild areas. Learn more	
Introduce a pond that will sustain a variety of wildlife. Learn more	
Install simple water sources for wildlife and keep them clean. Learn more	
Influence others to maximise impact and available space for wildlife. Learn more	
Have a Wilder Kent committee that meets regularly and monitors actions. Learn more	
Carry out litter picks both on your school site and in the local community. Learn more	
Write to your MP about a local wildlife or climate issue. Learn more	
Conduct surveys - such as a BioBlitz - to identify wildlife on site and monitor it. Learn more	

2. Sustainability and Carbon Reduction

Criteria	Please identify which criteria you have met and describe how you have met them:
Promote recycling within your group. Learn more	
Promote walking, as opposed to cars, within your group. Learn more	
Promote energy saving solutions within your group. Learn more	
Reuse and re-purpose old materials to help wildlife. Learn more	
Where possible, recycle and reuse organic matter to create habitats on site (e.g dead hedges, leaf piles). Learn more	
Encourage people to turn off their car engine whilst sat waiting in traffic Learn more	
Use water saving devices in any older toilets and washrooms Learn more	
Monitor and improve your group's energy consumption. Learn more	
Ensure that energy from renewable sources is used on the group's site. Learn more	
Create a policy to eliminate single use plastic within the group. Learn more	
Encourage your community to purchase locally sourced food. Learn more	

Advocate for a meat free day a week and share information on why it helps. Learn more	
Monitor and improve your group's water consumption. Learn more	
Use butts to capture rain water for use in gardens and community areas. Learn more	
Encourage water and paper saving devices in toilets and washrooms.	

3. Engage with Nature

Criteria	Please identify which criteria you have met and describe how you have met them:
Have a 'Wilder Kent Champion' promoting the awards and your actions to the college.	
Ensure that members have a chance to learn about Kent's wildlife whilst at college. Learn more	
Encourage people to grow nectar rich plants at home and consider providing free seeds. Learn more	
Engage with the wider community in creating wild areas locally for all. Learn more	
Engage with campaigns and projects like our 'Action for Insects' initiative or 'Wilder Blean' project. Learn more	
Organise group visits to local nature reserves and sites. Learn more	

Plant native trees, hedgerows and shrubs. Learn more	
Run regular outdoor learning sessions often and encourage working outside	
Work with a local business or group to improve multiple areas for wildlife. Learn more	
Carry out a fundraising day to help out a wildlife or conservation charity of your choice. Learn more	

Other

Please use this box to detail any additional steps (not mentioned above) which you have taken towards helping make a Wilder Kent: