

Activities and Resources for Children and Families

There are a number of free activities and resources for children and families with an environmental theme, helping us learn about nature and care for creation. Here are a few that may be of interest.

Pets at Home Workshops

From Saturday 20th July to Sunday 1st September, Pets at Home are hosting free My Pet Pals workshops where you'll learn all about how to care for a Syrian Hamster, as well as activities to entertain the whole family. [Pets at Home: My Pet Pals – Summer Workshops](#)

Dobbies Gardening Workshops for Children

[Little Seedlings children's workshops | Dobbies Garden Centres](#) Dobbies Garden Centre – which has branches in Stratford and Rugby – is hosting gardening workshops on the first Sunday of the month (and special school holiday clubs). As well as giving [garden ideas for children](#) that you can then follow at home, they teach a whole range of exciting and educational content, using activities and games to help each little seedling learn more.

Butterfly Craft at John Lewis Solihull 16 August – for My John Lewis Members (free to join)

[Kids' Fluttery Butterfly Craft \(johnlewis.com\)](#) The workshop will show kids how to make their very own Fluttery Butterfly wristlet. John Lewis provide all the equipment kids need to craft their creation, which they can then take home at the end of the event.

Warwickshire Wildlife Trust Holiday Events - £5 per child

Wildlife Trusts [Home | The Wildlife Trusts](#) aim to bring wildlife back, empower people to take action for nature, and create an inclusive society where nature matters. They have information online and run local projects and nature reserves. Warwickshire Wildlife Trust [Home | Warwickshire Wildlife Trust](#) has 67 nature reserves you can visit, including several in Coventry, plus Earlswood Moathouse, Temple Balsall and the Parkridge Centre in Brueton Park in Solihull which has an adventure playground and mud kitchen for young nature lovers. Parkridge also runs Holiday Events [Holiday Events | Warwickshire Wildlife Trust](#) and Nature Tots on Friday mornings [Nature Tots | Warwickshire Wildlife Trust](#) with indoor and outdoor activities to encourage an early interest in wildlife.

More information on a range of summer activities for children and families (not all activities are free) is available at

- [Summer activities \(solihull.gov.uk\)](#)
- [Coventry Holiday Activities and Food Programme – Coventry City Council](#) (dependent on eligibility for HAF)
- [Information and advice – SearchOut \(warwickshire.gov.uk\)](#) and [Holiday activities and food \(HAF\) – SearchOut \(warwickshire.gov.uk\)](#) (subject to eligibility for HAF)

Online Resources

The BBC has lots of online resources for children and young people

- **Earth Kids** [Have Fun Exploring Our Planet With BBC Earth Kids | BBC Earth](#) has videos, worksheets and a You Tube Channel @BBCEarthKids
- **The Regenerators** [The Regenerators - Schools and home - lessons and tips to live green and protect the planet - BBC Bitesize](#) aims to inspire children and teenagers to live a greener life and encourage others to look after the planet.

National Geographic Kids [National Geographic Kids \(natgeokids.com\)](#) has lots of information for children and young people as well as resources designed for use in schools [School Primary Resources | National Geographic Kids \(natgeokids.com\)](#)

The Royal Horticultural Society, the UK's leading gardening charity (RHS) has linked up with the Campaign for School Gardening [home / RHS Campaign for School Gardening](#) and has developed resources for Primary Age to support learning from home [Learning from home / RHS Gardening](#)

The Worldwide Fund for Nature [World Wide Fund for Nature | WWF](#) runs national and international campaigns for nature and the environment and has lots of information on line about these and other environmental issues. Its website has a learning section which includes quizzes [Quiz your world: fun tests to do at home | WWF](#), fascinating facts [Fascinating facts about animals | WWF](#) and podcasts [Welcome to the Call of the Wild podcast | WWF](#)

Young People's Trust for the Environment [Information for kids on the environment, climate change and wildlife | Young People's Trust For the Environment \(ypte.org.uk\)](#). A charity aiming ~~aiming~~ to encourage young people's understanding of the environment and sustainability, looking at environmental problems, such as climate change, disappearing wildlife, ~~soil, air and water~~ pollution, destruction of rainforests and wetlands, spread of deserts and the misuse of the oceans. It has online resources ~~for children and young people at~~ [Information on the Environment for Kids and Teenagers | Young People's Trust For the Environment \(ypte.org.uk\)](#)

Love Solihull ([www.lovesolihull.org](#)) has information about local initiatives and things you can do to help make our community clean, green and safe. It has also has a resource library for children, young people and schools with links to many sources of free information and activities. [Resource Library | lovesolihull](#)

National Children's Gardening Week – whilst the week has already taken place this year, there is still information online about a range of activities for those ~~esof~~ us lucky enough to have access to a garden [Things to do - National Children's Gardening Week \(childrensgardeningweek.co.uk\)](#)

30 Days Wild – there are lots of resources and suggestions for activities available online at [30 Days Wild - Home Education Outdoor Learning - Twinkl](#). We have also downloaded a number of activity and colouring in sheets – if you're interested in these, please let me know rachel230westwood@btinternet.com ~~rachel230westwood@btinternet.com~~