



WATER WISE

Awards for Sussex Schools



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WHAT IS WATER WISE?

Water Wise is an environmental award scheme funded by the National Rivers Authority Southern Region (NRA). It aims to encourage teachers to raise awareness of the importance of water in the environment among Sussex school children. The scheme is being organised in conjunction with the Sussex Wildlife Trust. As Guardians of the Water Environment, the NRA works to ensure that all sectors of the community appreciate the value of rivers, streams, ponds and marshes for wildlife and people. By promoting water awareness among school children and their communities, the NRA is investing in the long term protection of our environment. Sussex Wildlife Trust also recognises that wetlands support a wide variety of plant and animal life, which makes them an ideal educational resource.



1.





IS YOUR SCHOOL ELIGIBLE?

Yes, if you are:

- in East or West Sussex
- primary/junior school
- middle/preparatory school
- maintained/independent

HOW COULD YOUR SCHOOL BENEFIT FROM THE SCHEME?

The NRA will contribute up to 75 per cent of the cost of the project to a maximum value of £2,000 to schools which submit the best entries. Results will be announced in January 1995 and the awards presented in March to winning schools. All funding must be used and projects completed between March 31st 1995 and April 1st 1996.





AWARD CRITERIA

The National Rivers Authority and Sussex Wildlife Trust are looking for:

- Innovative projects which take a novel approach to learning
- Commitment of the whole school to the project
- Involvement by the local community (neighbours, parents etc)
- Active pupil involvement
- Provision for long term maintenance for habitat works
- Projects which demonstrate an understanding of the importance of the water environment and how we affect it in our daily lives

FOR SUCCESSFUL SCHOOLS

Award Ceremony 9 March, 1995 11.00am at Sussex Wildlife Trust, Woods Mill, Henfield, West Sussex.

Schools selected for an award will be required to submit a display or other piece of artwork no larger than 100 x 90 cm to be displayed at the award ceremony. Schools may be invited to give a presentation about their project.

3. Successful schools will also be eligible for a professional site visit by Sussex Wildlife Trust.





TYPES OF PROJECT

The NRA will consider any project designed to help children, teachers and the local community focus on improving the water environment eg:

- Improve the educational value of a 'watery' site within or outside the school grounds
- Make a video to teach other schools or parents how to use water wisely
- Improve a pond or bog garden or create a new one
- Provide equipment for a particular purpose
- Provide interpretative material about a local water feature for other schools or the community





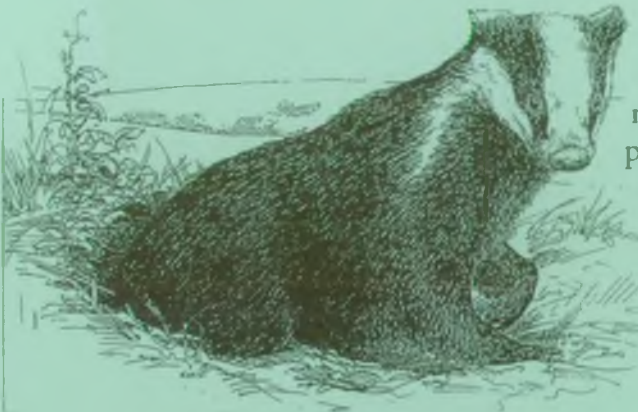
GUIDANCE NOTES RELATING TO ENTRY FORM

6.* We are looking for evidence that pupils are involved at every stage of the project from design to implementation.

10.* The format for documenting your project is up to you but the minimum requirement is for a range of still photographs. However we would encourage you to use a range of methods, including maps, charts, videos, models, written notes, etc.

11.* Timescale should indicate time allocated to the planning and practical stages of your project. Please refer to Water Wise Steps, Pages 6 and 7.

12.* Awards will be given for projects which fulfil all the Award Criteria and most importantly demonstrate creativity and imagination. In describing your project, you could consider how your project may encourage positive social interaction and how it will improve the image of the school in its community.





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PULL OUT

WATER WISE

E N T R Y F O R M

Closing Date: Monday, December 5, 1994
Entries received after this date will not be considered.

Before completing this form please read the Guidance Notes and Terms & Conditions.

Send your completed entry form to:
Judith Court, Sussex Wildlife Trust,
Woods Mill, Henfield,
West Sussex BN5 9SD.

Mark your envelope "WATER WISE".

PLEASE COMPLETE USING BLOCK CAPITALS

Headteacher: _____

Contact: _____

2.Funding

a)Project Costs (please list project items with an estimate of costs)

£ _____

£ _____

3. Location of Project (address in full)

4. Briefly describe your project and what you plan to achieve (up to 50 words-more detail is required in question 12).

5. Will your project involve other organisations (eg Local Councils, charities, conservation groups, businesses or landowners)? If so, who and how?

11.* Please give a timescale for your project.

12.* Please provide any additional information on a separate page including a more detailed description of the project, diagrams, price lists etc, as appropriate.

13. Please list enclosures:

6* How will you involve your pupils in the project?

7. How old are the pupils participating in this project?

8. How will you involve the teachers and local community (eg parents, governors, neighbours, local groups)?

9. How will your project be used and maintained in the future?

10* How will you document your project?

Note: submissions **will not be returned** so please do not send irreplaceable originals.

*See Guidance Notes page 5

We confirm that the information in this entry is correct and that we support the proposed project.

Signed _____
Headteacher Date _____

Signed _____
Chair of Governors Date _____

Don't Forget!

The closing date for receipt of completed entry forms is Monday, December 5, 1994.

School:

Address:

Telephone:

1. Name of Project

_____ £ _____
_____ £ _____
Total project costs £ _____

b) What amount are you requesting from the NRA?

£ _____

Awards will be made between £500 and £2,000 up to 75% of total project costs.

c) Where will the remaining funding come from?

Source	£ Applied	£ Received
_____	£ _____	£ _____
_____	£ _____	£ _____
_____	£ _____	£ _____
_____	£ _____	£ _____
_____	£ _____	£ _____
_____	£ _____	£ _____
Total	£ _____	£ _____

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5 STEPS TO IMPROVE OUR WATER ENVIRONMENT



STEP 1 Agree among staff, pupils, parents and governors a project where you can improve understanding of the water environment and our impact upon it. Ensure the project can be realistically fulfilled both in respect of time and funds available and that its ongoing future can be maintained.

STEP 2 Calculate the total cost of the project (obtain quotes if appropriate) and determine source of remaining funding. National Rivers Authority can contribute no more than 75 per cent of project costs to a maximum of £2,000.

STEP 3 Draw up a draft plan of your proposed project specifications including any landscaping or designs. Work as far as possible with pupils, parents, governors and the local community.



STEP 4 Complete the Entry Form and send it to Judith Court at Sussex Wildlife Trust. Raise money and resources to complete the project.

STEP 5 Establish the team to carry out the work, order supplies, monitor the budget and publicise progress through the local media. Throughout the project invite feedback from staff, pupils, parents and governors to see if any aspect of the WATER WISE project can be improved.





FURTHER INFORMATION

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PUBLICATIONS



West Sussex County Council:
**Developing School Landscapes for
Environmental Education**

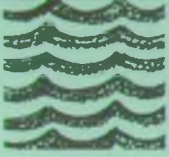
Learning Through Landscapes:
Special People, Special Places
Various other publications

National Rivers Authority:
Ponds and Conservation
Riverwork (Primary Schools Education Pack)

Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
Education Office, The Lodge, Sandy, Beds.
Wildlife in the School Environment
(please write for a FREE copy)

Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust (0903) 883355
Pond Watch





TERMS & CONDITIONS

- (a) Entry forms must be completed and returned by December 5, 1994.
- (b) The judges decision will be final; no correspondence can be entered into.
- (c) Existing projects are not eligible for Water Wise awards.
- (d) The National Rivers Authority reserves the right to inspect projects and request sight of invoices at any time.
- (e) The National Rivers Authority reserves the right to withdraw funding if, in the Authority's opinion, the project management is unsatisfactory.
- (f) Award winners must be available, at the school's convenience, to have their photographs taken and to participate in any promotional activity organised by the NRA during and after completion of the project.
- (g) It will be the responsibility of the School to ensure safety guidelines are adhered to at all times. The NRA cannot accept any responsibility for injuries, of any kind, sustained while working on the project.
- (h) It will be the responsibility of the school to ensure all relevant permissions have been obtained for any work eg landowner, council, etc.
- (i) Only one award can be made to any one school.





The Sussex Wildlife Trust is a registered charity founded in 1961 and devoted to the conservation of the natural heritage of Sussex. It aims to use its knowledge and expertise to help people and organisations to enjoy, understand and take action to conserve wildlife and its habitats.

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