



SKILLS AND
LEARNING

NEW COURSE -
ENVIRONMENTAL
AWARENESS



Target Group

- This new course will be aimed at adults who :
 - Would like to know more about the environmental issues facing our planet today.
 - Would like to partake in organised environmental volunteering activities.



Course Structure

- Classroom based taught lessons (three hours per week)
- Volunteering activities (one per month)
- Duration of the course (undecided)
- Non assessed and non-accredited



Taught lessons

- Biodiversity loss
- Climate change
- Deforestation
- Pollution
- Ocean acidification
- Waste disposal
- Resource depletion
- Soil degradation
- Human population growth



At risk habitats

- Coral reefs
- Tropical and temperate rainforests
- The Arctic
- The Antarctic
- Islands
- Temperate grasslands
- Peat bogs
- Coastal sand dunes
- Traditional orchards
- Wetlands
- Heathlands
- Chalk rivers
- Deserts
- Oceans
- Freshwater habitats
- Mountain habitats



Volunteering activities

Tree planting during National Tree planting week (23 Nov 2020). This could be done through 'Trees for Dorset'.

RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch (25th-27th Jan 2020).

Great Dorset beach clean (usually around Feb/March)

Volunteering activities cont...

Water vole survey with The Peoples Trust for Endangered Species (15 April - 15 June 2019)

Orchard survey with The Peoples Trust for Endangered Species

Great Stag Beetle hunt with The Peoples Trust for Endangered Species

Volunteering activities cont...

Tree care with the tree council (March - Sept)

The Big Butterfly count (19 July -11 Aug 2019)

Seed gathering with The Tree council (March - Sept)



Volunteering activities cont...

A morning making Eco bricks

Volunteer at the pop up Vegan café in Wimborne

Volunteer at the Bournemouth Repair café



Volunteering activities cont...

Litter picking with Poole Environtees/ Litter free Dorset or Dorset Devils

Conservation gardening at Slades Farm Community Garden in Bournemouth.

Fundraising activities

Volunteering activities cont...

Create a display for the Bumblebee Conservation Trust

Take part in a 'BeeWalk' which monitors the number of bees seen on a short walk (March - October)

Join Dorset Countryside volunteers for some conservation work (eg coppicing, cutting back invasive species)



How funding might help

- This course could be offered as a free course
- To purchase course materials
- Transport costs