



Learning with birds

Introduction to the Programme

This education programme has been developed by Nidderdale Birdwatchers, a local voluntary group and charity.

In addition to providing our members with enjoyable opportunities to pursue their hobby of birdwatching, we also undertake conservation work in Nidderdale with the aim of helping to maintain a healthy population of birds by improving habitats. Over the past 6 years we have been installing and monitoring bird boxes in the Dale, and have been managing a local woodland for the benefit of wildlife. Our latest project was the construction of a large nesting bank on the edge of Gouthwaite Reservoir. This is designed primarily for Sand martins but we hope that Kingfishers may use it too.

Nidderdale Birdwatchers also undertakes educational work, and we have used our previous experience of working with schools to develop this programme as a corollary to the Sand martin nesting bank project.

How the Programme works

The Programme is designed in 3 modules comprising topics, presentations and activities suitable for KS1 & KS2 pupils, and with relevance to the National Curriculum for Science. There is some linkage between the modules but any can be delivered on a stand-alone basis.

Teacher's notes are provided with the intention that schools will be able to deliver any of the modules themselves. However, Nidderdale Birdwatchers can also help by visiting schools and working with teachers. We have run successful bird feeder and bird box making sessions, with follow up visits to reinforce earlier learning and to get children involved in monitoring and measuring activities of birds.

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If you have any queries about the Programme or would like to discuss a possible visit by Nidderdale Birdwatchers to your school, please get in touch by emailing us at info@niddbirds.org.uk

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