

A1L2B POND DIPPING, MORGAN SINDALL



BIODIVERSITY ENHANCEMENT OVERVIEW

The project comprises the upgrade of A1 to motorway standard from Leeming to Barton, junction 51 to 56 as well as widening the existing dual carriageway to a three lane motorway, new Local Access Roads are required to be built to link in local towns and communities.

To allow drainage systems to be installed for a new Local Access Road, a small man-made pond required draining and infilling. The pond had been surveyed and great crested newt presence was not an issue. However; the pond was still home to a number of other aquatic species including smooth newts, tadpoles and various invertebrates. Using existing relationships with local landowners, the A1L2B team made arrangements to donate aquatic wildlife from our pond to a nearby pond owned by a local nursery.

The Environmental Advisor and Ecological Clerk of Works ran a pond dipping session with a group of 10 local children at the 'Little Explorers' nursery near Catterick. Here, the children learned about the various species within their own pond and were shown a number of animals including newts and even a bat!



Whilst no protected species were located in A1L2B pond, there was a duty of care relating to animal welfare and saving the species present within the pond.

The activity demonstrates good community relations and working toward enhancing local biodiversity. Various insects and amphibians were given a new home and the children enjoyed having fun outdoors with wildlife and learning about biodiversity.

Fact box

Company name:
Morgan Sindall (as part of joint venture with Carillion)

Project name:
A1 Leeming to Barton Improvement Scheme Pond Dipping

Location:
North Yorkshire

Biodiversity enhancement:

- Donation of aquatic wildlife to a pond owned by a local nursery
- Educational activities related to animals and their welfare

Size:
N/A

Cost:
£0, only costs associated with staff time

Tips:
Educational visits and sessions are a great way of introducing children to biodiversity and encouraging youngsters to be interested in wildlife and the outdoors.

Year completed:
2014

Categories:

- Community engagement