



# Holland Park Ecology Centre

Environmental Education 2013-14  
Pre-school and Primary Prospectus

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## About us



The Ecology Service was established in 1991 to provide environmental education to local schools. There is no substitute for first hand experience and the Ecology Centre offers valuable opportunities for active outdoor learning.

The Ecology Centre provides a base for studying the ecology and environment of the park. It has classroom and presentation facilities and a collection of live and static animal specimens. A range of scientific equipment is available for outdoor use. The centre can cater for groups of up to thirty children with accompanying adults.

Holland Park Wildlife Area has a wildlife pond with dipping platform, woodland paths extending round the enclosure, and three distinct habitats to study; pond, woodland and grassland.



## School Visits to the Ecology Centre and Holland Park Wildlife Area

Our environmental education programme caters for all ages from preschool to upper primary. Sessions last for two hours. They can be self-led or run by an experienced field teacher and have clear curriculum-linked objectives. Visits are available all year round but please book early for the summer term as this is often fully booked.



# A selection of our programmes



Session	Summary
<b>Nature Explorers</b> Preschool to KS1	Explore the woods with a nature walk and a hunt for creepy crawlies.
<b>Pond and Woodland Life</b> KS1/KS2	Compare and contrast different creatures that live in ponds and the wood. Learn about their lifecycles and their needs.
<b>Tree Trolls</b> KS1/KS2	Discover secrets about trees in our woods and create your own tree troll or fairy from natural materials.
<b>Minibeasts</b> KS2	What is a minibeast? Find out by examining a range of exotic minibeasts in the centre before going to hunt for more within the woods.
<b>Habitats</b> KS2	Explore life in our woodland, grasslands and ponds habitats. Consider how plants and animals are suited to the habitat they live in.
<b>Terrific Trees</b> KS2	Explore plant life cycles and learn how to identify and classify using keys.
<b>Food Chains</b> KS2	Study food chains in action in the pond and the woodland through games and exploration in our wildlife area.
<b>Nature's Recyclers</b> Upper KS2	Learn about nature's own recyclers: worms. Discover how to charm them and build a wormery.

We can tailor sessions to meet your learning needs, designed in consultation with you and with reference to your specific requirements.

Please refer to our website for other topics and curriculum links

## Charges 2013-14:

### Schools within the Royal Borough

Use of wildlife area

Centre visit and use of wildlife area

Session led by Ecology staff

**Free**

**£1.05 per pupil**

**£66.70**

### Schools outside the Royal Borough

Centre visit and use of wildlife area

Session led by Ecology staff

**£3.55 per pupil**

**£66.70** (additional charge)

## Booking:

For bookings and further information about our services, please contact us.

## Location:

By the adventure playground next to the Abbotsbury Road Car Park.



## Contact details:

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