

## ● School gets help to boost outdoor learning efforts

**YOUNG** naturalists are being encouraged to learn more about wildlife with the gift of animal houses and feeders for its nature area.

Rush Common School's forest programme aims to encourage outdoor learning and to promote self-esteem, creativity and confidence within the children.

Items given to the school included bug pots, binoculars, magnifying glasses, pond nets, a hedgehog house, bird boxes and feeders.

The donation was to the Friends of Rush Common School from Annington, a housing developer refurbishing 57 former MoD homes at Lamborough Fields in Shippon.

Rebecca Strugnell, chairwoman of the Friends, said: "Our Forest School teaches pupils how to respect nature and to grow up with a better understanding of where we fit in with the natural environment.

"We were in desperate need of some new resources so the donation from Annington couldn't have come at a better time."