

Wildlife Watching in the Woodland



Exmouth has a new Wildlife Watch group, for anyone aged between 6 and 13 who is interested in wildlife. The last meeting was at Bystock, a Devon Wildlife Trust nature reserve near the town, where we were guided around by Nic, the voluntary warden.

The Watch Group met at the Wrights Lane entrance to the reserve and set off into the beech woodland to explore the reserve using all their senses.

This wasn't going to be a bug hunt or bird watching morning, but a chance to explore the woodland with each sense and get to know the place a little better.

We started off using sky eyes -

mirrored plates that allow you to walk along and watch the tree-tops without falling over or getting a crick in your neck.

The group then got together to explore hearing, with a game of bat and moth.

After that we set off to create our own smelly cocktail, using ingredients from the woodland. A pungent selection of concoctions returned to be shared, smelt and named, with some rather gruesome results!



Finally a magic window was made by each of the wildlife watchers, with a leaf from the woodland, and we shared what each of us had made. Some of the colours and shapes of leaves were truly remarkable.

