



Wildlife Friendly Addingham

The School Woodland



The first task was to take down the dilapidated old fence. Many hands got the job done in no time! Making a much more pleasant walk by the wood for all. The old timber was used to make wood piles for insects, and sound posts and planks saved for the fence around the new wetland that we are creating further along the path.



We planted **English Bluebell bulbs**, to increase the diversity of spring flowers. Eventually we hope they will carpet the woodland floor. Sadly, our native bluebell is losing ground to the Spanish bluebell. Introduced by the Victorians as a garden plant, the Spanish bluebell 'escaped' over the garden wall into the wild where it crossbreeds with our native plants and produces fertile hybrids with a mix of characteristics. <https://www.bbowl.org.uk/blog/kate-tiford/how-tell-native-bluebell-rest>



Over the last two winters, we've planted new trees to make an avenue along the footpath. As well as being good for wildlife, trees help soak up water and reduce flooding and as they grow take in carbon dioxide from the air and store carbon, doing their bit to help us mitigate climate change!

Trees planted include Beech, Birch, Field Maple, Crab Apple & Blackthorn.

Zero Poison! Bradford Council are no longer spraying the footpath edges, better for the environment all round!