

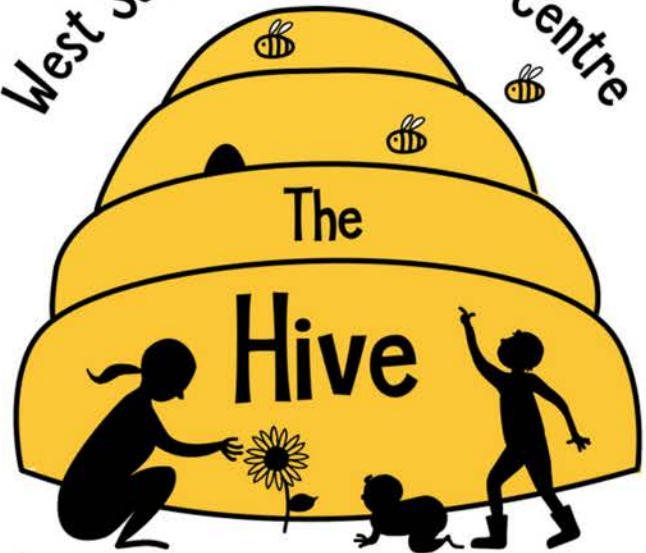
West Suffolk Hive CIC

The Hive 2022-2023



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West Suffolk Family Eco Centre



A family-centred **community** space in a natural **environment** to foster a **connection** with nature, improve wellbeing and share skills and knowledge.

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PRIORY SCHOOL OUTDOOR LEARNING AREA REFURBISHMENT



Thanks to the funding we received from Bury St Edmunds Town Council, we were able to work with year 11 students from The Priory School to refurbish and stock their outdoor learning area. The students designed and constructed blackboards, mud kitchens and musical stations and learned how to safely set up and use the forest school resources including outdoor cooking, hammocks and den building. With your funding we were able to provide a selection of forest school equipment to suit a variety of needs and interests. This is now accessible to the whole school to use and will form the basis for their outdoor learning plan.



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The resources were chosen by the year 11 students, by creating and completing a survey of the different year groups to gather information about the activities students and staff wanted to see in the forest site. The year 11s then designed the resources using this information.

Our year 11 students now have the skills and knowledge to set the forest site up for a variety of activities, and are passing this knowledge on to the staff and year 10 students in training sessions scheduled over the course of this academic year.



As well as leaving The Priory School with a well resourced forest school site, this project has been an invaluable learning experience for the year 11s. They have gained skills in design; construction; health and safety around tools, fire and ropes; research and communication with staff and other students; and working as a team to create something that will last the school years to come.

We are extremely proud of these students and all they have achieved!

FAMILIES TOGETHER OUTREACH STOWMARKET AND HAVERHILL



Vickie At Fts

21 Apr · 🌐

We've had a really great afternoon at SEND Families Unite in Stowmarket today as we had two lovely ladies from [The Hive - West Suffolk Outdoor Family Eco Centre](#) join us as guests to share information about their wonderful forest school sessions.

The Hive is based in Bury St Edmunds and they welcome all families with young children who love the outdoors, crafts and activities.

In today's group the children made bird feeders, wind chimes and grass seed creations - there were faces, rocks and even a sausage dog!

A huge thank you to Steph and Claire for coming 🐝 🌿 🐦



Families Together invited us to several of their SEND family sessions, where we provided nature based crafts and activities, gave information about our weekly SEND family sessions and met some wonderful new families.

We are looking forward to welcoming Families Together to the Hive site this summer, where we will provide family centred crafts, games and activities as part of Families Together holiday provision.

HIVE SEND SCHOOL SESSIONS



We have enjoyed bringing our Hive Forest sessions into the Priory School, using their outdoor learning area. We have cooked on the fire, played forest school games, learned about hedgehogs, made bird feeders and spring planters and even learned to djembe drum!

HALLOWEEN AT THE HIVE





Christmas at the Hive



WEST SUFFOLK HOME ED FAIR

SUNDAY 19TH FEBRUARY 2023

AT THE APEX





St Edmundsbury Fair

Saturday 25th March 2023
at The Apex





Abbey Alive!



19th and 20th May 2023

BioBlitz









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STAY AND PLAY FAMILY SESSIONS









HIVE ECO KIDS - FOREST SCHOOL SESSIONS







THE HIVE SITE









AWARDS AND GRANTS



We were winners of the Contribution to the Community Award, runners up for the Best New Start Up Award and finalists for the Green Award at the Bury Free Press Business Awards 2022



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Grant Funding Received from Oct 2022-Sept 2023

- The National Lottery Community Fund, £70,000 - November 2022
- Suffolk Community Foundation, £1980 - December 2022
- Suffolk Community Foundation - Suffolk giving fund, £749 - December 2022
- Bury St Edmunds Town Council, £1363.99 - February 2023
- West Suffolk Council, £1688 - February 2023
- Bury St Edmunds Quakers, £25,000 - February 2023
- West Suffolk Council - Councillors Wakelam and Augustine, £900 - March 2023
- Bury St Edmunds Town Council - Cllr Waterman, £1760.77 - April 2023
- West Suffolk Council, £3982 - April 2023
- National Lottery Heritage Fund, £10,000 - May 2023



Steph was a finalist for the Green Hero Award with Suffolk Creating the Greenest County Awards 2023



THE HIVE OUT AND ABOUT... ECO MARKETS IN BURY ST EDMUNDS



YOUTH CLIMATE ACTION FORUM AT WEST SUFFOLK COLLEGE MEETING MEGAN MCCUBBIN!



FACEPAINTING AT ROUGHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL SUMMER FAIR

