



Revital-ISE project funds three schools to take part in the 'Trout in the Classroom project'

The Revital-ISE project which aims to revive the River Ise and its surrounding environment and increase community involvement has funded three schools to take part in the national and international project 'Trout in the Classroom'. This project gives children the chance to follow the development of tiny trout in a purpose built mini trout hatchery at their school. This hands-on activity can capture the children's imaginations as well as assisting learning across many areas of the national curriculum.

The three schools involved are All Saints Primary School, Wellingborough; Brambleside Community Primary School, Kettering and Havelock Junior School, Desborough. The mini trout hatcheries were set up last week and allowed to run for a week before the tiny trout were added. The children were very excited and listened intently to Alan Suttie, Chief Executive of the 'Trout in the Classroom' project, as he described what they needed to do to look after the fish. Evelyn Clawson at Brambleside Community Primary School said 'what an amazing day! The children are very excited to be involved; they were fascinated by Alan Suttie's talk and really enjoyed Ian Longstaff talking about his new book, 'Timmy the Trout'. We can't wait until the fish arrive!!'

The children will watch the trout develop for the next 2-3 months before releasing them back into to River Ise where some may live for the next 5-6 years. Over the next few months the children will have chance to interact with other schools taking part in the 'Trout in the Classroom' project across the UK and on a similar project in the USA.

Any organisations or groups who are interested in working with the Revital-ISE project can contact the Project Officer at rfield@northamptonshire.gov.uk or by telephoning 01604-237243.

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Notes to editors

Revital-ISE Project

The Revital-ISE project provides an outstanding opportunity for partnership working between landowners, land managers, local authorities, Government Agencies, environmental groups, and local communities to re-establish a high quality environment throughout the Ise Valley that meets the needs of a 21st century community. The Revital-ISE project officer post is funded for two years by the Environment Agency and hosted by the River Nene Regional Park.

Trout in the Classroom

The Trout in the Classroom project is run by JetSet UK and is part funded by the Environment Agency, for further details please contact: www.jetsettitchuk.org

The River Nene Regional Park (RNRP)

RNRP is a Community Investment Company that is hosted by Northamptonshire County Council and can hold assets and land on behalf of the community. It is an independent organisation that was constituted under the framework of the Treasury's Green Book and is recognised as a Treasury model for the environment in relation to sustainable growth area funding delivery.

RNRP Vision

“By 2016 the RNRP partnership will be an independent, inclusive, reciprocal and beneficial partnership of public, private and third sector members. It will be nationally and internationally recognised as the centre of excellence for the piloting, co-ordination and delivery of regional sustainable development, addressing strategic issues such as Climate Change, the enhancement of local biodiversity and the innovative development of the environment as an asset for social development, education, leisure & recreation, heritage and cultural activity, and as a primary vehicle of economic regeneration.”