

LENTON GREEN COMMUNITY GROUP

Lincoln

Living Spaces Grant: £23,000

Hidden behind the community centre this once underused and unattractive old bowling green used to be inaccessible to elderly or disabled residents - but given the anti-social behaviour problems there, very few of them were actually tempted to visit the area anyway.

Now, after a year-long project, Lenton Green has been transformed into a secure and colourful community wildlife garden. Local people are proud of their revamped green space and thanks to the positive links that developed between residents and the local Ermine Junior School, the new garden also incorporates opportunities for nature education.

Visitors are able to use serpentine shaped paths which make a naturalistic trail around the main garden, which includes a wide variety of shrubs, bulbs, perennials and arched wooden seats, plus the bird tables and bird boxes built by Ermine Junior School pupils. Other features include a sensory garden area consisting of colourful butterfly attracting plants, whilst new access paths lead into the garden from the community centre and the surrounding houses.



Mrs Gwen Du Rose of the Lenton Green Community Group says “We had a lot of help to develop our garden design plans. The new seats in the sensory garden are especially very nice and their height is just right. The flowers are so lovely and members of our community often use the sensory garden. I feel that this park is now an asset to our community”