



Dorset Gardens Trust Schools



Our 13th e-newsletter

A new term and new ideas, welcome to the DGT e-newsletter!

In this edition:

- Win a place on a one-day RHS schools education course paid for by Dorset Gardens Trust
- Find out about how you can help hedgehogs in your gardens
- Links to help you with ponds
- How to apply for a grant for your school garden

Exciting news!

Enter our competition to win a sponsored place on a one-day RHS school garden training course. The Dorset Gardens Trust as part of its education outreach is offering one lucky Dorset teacher the opportunity to go on an RHS training course. Check out the RHS site:

<https://schoolgardening.rhs.org.uk/Training-courses-and-events>

All we want you to do is write to us saying:

'How my school will benefit from an RHS schools gardening course'

- just 200 words please. Please send entries to schools@dorsetgardenstrust.co.uk before 1st October 2018.

PONDS



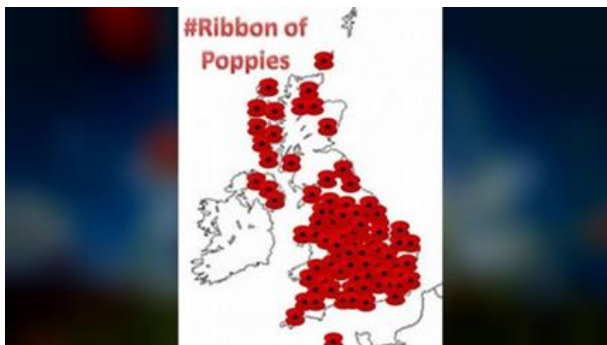
Several of you have asked for help with your school ponds.

Here are some links that you might find useful to help you create a pond plus some dos and don'ts about wildlife ponds

www.devonwildlifetrust.org/creating-pond

www.rhs.org.uk/advice/garden-features/ponds

A RIBBON OF POPPIES



Last year we wrote to you about the scheme to grow a ribbon of poppies throughout the UK to commemorate the ending of WW1

We sent poppy seeds to many schools in Dorset and we were wondering how your ribbons grew. Do let us know!

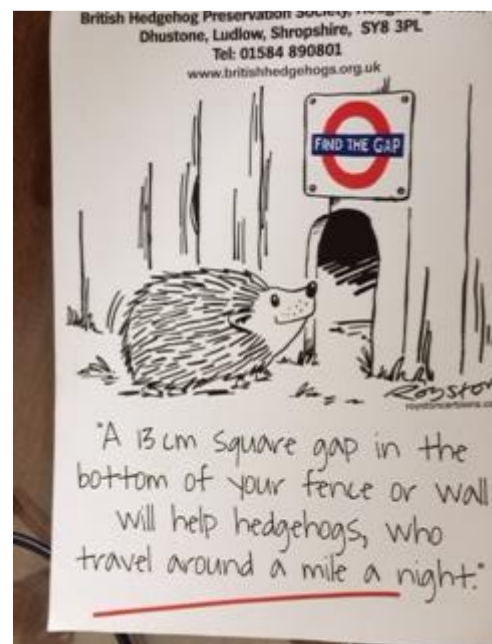
TWILIGHT SESSION IN DORCHESTER

We are hoping to organise another Twilight Training session for teachers in the Dorchester / Weymouth area following a very successful one in the Blandford area in July. Details of the event will follow.



HEDGEHOGS

There is a very helpful website produced by the British Hedgehogs Preservation Society www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk



AND FINALLY.....

The Dorset Gardens Trust regards helping children to learn about the growing of plants and their value in our lives as one of its prime activities.

Grants up to a maximum of £400 are awarded to primary, middle and special schools to fund new projects for their school gardens. Advice and help is given to the school with initial planning, costing and layout of the proposed garden. Even on the most difficult sites gardens can be created and huge enjoyment gained by the children. It is very rewarding for them to be able to grow flowers and vegetables and then cook and eat the results of their hard work.

The Trust has made well over 100 grants to schools in the County. As well as helping with the administration, members of the Schools Group act as school visitors in their own area so that each school sees the same person each time they visit.

If you wish to know more about our grants for schools and whether your school would qualify please email schools@dorsetgardenstrust.co.uk

Have a good term and do contact us if you would like to consider applying for a grant

GOOD GARDENING FROM THE SCHOOLS TEAM