

# Nursery children go critter crazy ahead of the big butterfly count

BINOCULARS and magnifying glasses are at the ready as children from Always Growing Nursery in Windsor headed out into nature for a spot of critter hunting.

It comes after the nursery group received a gift of bug spotting and gardening tools from [Annington](#), the company refurbishing homes at The Crescent in Windsor, just in time for the Big Butterfly Count.

The children at Always Growing Nursery got to work counting butterflies and moths in their outdoor space thanks to their new garden resource kit provided by [Annington](#). The donation equipped the children with trowels, rakes, shovels and spades and wildlife-watching equipment. For the zoophiles, magnifying glasses helped to identify the critters up close feasting on flowers and shrubbery, while binoculars were used to watch incoming birds swoop down and gobble up any unearthed insects for dinner.

This donation marks the Big Butterfly Count 2024, which will be held between the Friday, July 12, and will run until Sunday, August 4. Held annually each summer, the count is a UK-wide survey which aims to help us assess the health of the environment by counting the amount and type of butterflies we can see. Launched in 2010, the count has rapidly become one of the world's biggest survey of butterflies.

Lewis Fogarty, director at Always Growing Nursery, said: "With the drier and hopefully warmer days fast approaching, we wanted to encourage the

children to get creative and take ownership of our outdoor space.

"The donation of a brand-new gardening and insect spotting kit from Annington came at a perfect time – it's a joy to be able to see the children getting out in nature and exploring the environment right on our doorstep.

"It's so important to ensure that young children find the joy in learning. Immersing them in first-hand, outdoor activities like gardening is a massively beneficial way for them to learn more about nature."

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