



Annual Award for Youth



Award for Youth 2006/7

Pictured from the left are: Andrew Taylor (David Wilson Homes), Cllr A. Bird, Cllr V. Hudson, Cllr K. Gleave and the children of the "Kids Committee" for Our Wood

Do you know any young people who have made an effort to improve the Parish, or to make life better for people who live in Great Sankey?

Why not nominate them for an Award for Youth?

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A lot of work has been going on during the past few years to turn what was once part of the disused Burtonwood Airbase into a woodland conservation area for local use, a haven for wildlife and a centre for children to learn more about the environment, in other words 'Our Wood'.

Many children have been involved from the schools in the area and a number of local businesses, but it was all started off by local resident Brenda Bradley and a small group of highly enthusiastic young volunteers who became the 'Kids Committee'.

They worked tirelessly to raise funds and get others involved in the Project. Although so young, the 'Kids Committee' produced a newsletter on their own and did presentations to numerous organisations and businesses, including asking the Parish Council for funds to help make a path which would allow access for people with disabilities. Thanks to their efforts 'Our Wood' was planted with thousands of young trees and spring bulbs, plus lots of wildflowers. The wood is now open to the public and enriching the curriculum of local schools.

In recognition of all their efforts, the Parish Council decided to give the members of the Kids Committee the first in what is hoped to be an annual Award for Youth. This is to reward them for working so hard to improve part of the Parish for all. The picture shows the young people with their awards.