

“Funding has allowed us to provide a high-quality learning experience through engaging activities in the natural environment; to support the National Curriculum; and to inspire and nurture lifelong interest in nature for children and adults.”

**Paul Armstrong**  
Staff Governor

## Airy Hill Community Primary School

### Project:

Airy Hill Field Studies Centre,  
field guides and equipment

### Subject:

Environmental improvements  
Education, learning and skills improvement

### Location:

Whitby, North Yorkshire

### Overview:

Airy Hill has recently developed part of its site as a field studies centre to increase habitat diversity. The school aims to develop a local ‘centre of excellence’ for the study of nature and environmental sciences.

£4,973 was awarded to the school to purchase the field guides and other equipment necessary to support the activities on offer, including various guide sets, minibeast packs, wildlife cameras, ground spikes, pond dipping kits, bug hunting tools, pooters, bird feeders, moth traps, a rain gauge and clinometer, binoculars and microscopes.

The resources have been used by nursery to upper-primary children from Airy Hill and surrounding schools – as well as the environmental team, parents, and community groups including Whitby Naturalists -to study nature and environmental sciences. The resources have also assisted teacher-training courses for a number of schools. The funding has also enabled the school to make voluntary habitat-development opportunities available.

