



Cumbria Outdoors John Muir Award Project Update 2015/16

The John Muir Award encourages people of all backgrounds to connect with, enjoy and care for wild places. It encourages awareness and responsibility for the natural environment, in a spirit of fun, adventure and exploration.

Cumbria Outdoors support young people aged 7-19 to take part in the John Muir Award and encourage them to get involved hands-on activities such as footpath maintenance, woodland management or non-native invasive species control.

The generous donations from visitors to the Lake District and Cumbria are used to help people get involved who would not ordinarily have the opportunity to do so.



Over the last year from spring 2015 to spring 2016, Cumbria Outdoors have helped 102 pupils to get closer to Nature.

Last year was particularly special; in November 2015 children from St Oswald's Primary School, Burneside, Kendal, were delighted to be named the group with the 10,000th John Muir Award recipient, and marked their achievements with a special presentation.

The pupils achieved some amazing conservation work, including;

- Planting deciduous trees after the removal of the evergreens
- Removal of the invasive Himalayan balsam – helping re-bank the river and direct the flow
- Opening up grazing areas to 're-wild' the landscape

One pupil produced this amazing piece called "A lake and mountain view".



The project is looking forward to another successful year and already has two local schools booked onto the programme.

Last year, we helped to raise over £900 for Cumbria Outdoors. The funds were used to provide a £10 subsidy per pupil, allowing 90 children to take part that might otherwise have not been able to access this fantastic experience.

Thank you for your amazing support!