



HOUSEBUILDER ENCOURAGES LOCAL PUPILS TO WELCOME WILDLIFE INTO THEIR GARDEN

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Local housebuilder Barratt David Wilson Homes has encouraged children at Chalton Lower School to take part in the RSPB's Big School's Birdwatch (6th January – 20th February 2023) initiative this year. The housebuilder, currently building a selection of properties at its Linmere development in Houghton Regis, donated a bird table to help children create a home for native birds on their school grounds.

The Big Schools' Birdwatch is a simple survey pupils can complete to contribute to the Big Garden Birdwatch – the world's largest wildlife survey. The RSPB reports that 38 million birds have disappeared from UK in the last 50 years, this severe decline underlines that nature is in crisis.¹ The Big Garden Birdwatch helps monitor the birds whilst encouraging participants to welcome them into their gardens and balconies, offering them a safe space to rest and feed. Supplied by the RSPB, the bird table is made from sustainably sourced FSC-certified wood and will help attract natives of the species, such as blue tits, house sparrows, robins, wrens, and wagtails, to the school playground.

Natalie Bill, Headteacher at Chalton Lower School, commented: "We are passionate about teaching pupils from a young age the importance of preserving wildlife, so we are excited to now have our very own bird table within the school grounds. The pupils have really enjoyed thinking about where to place the table and have already devised a feeding routine to encourage the birds over."

Marc Woolfe, Head of Sales for Barratt David Wilson North Thames, commented: "As a sustainable housebuilder and longstanding corporate partner of the RSPB, we are committed to enhancing the nature at our developments and in the surrounding areas. As of now we have managed to plant 210,000 new plants and trees and installed 108 bat & bird boxes at our Linmere development. The Big Schools' Birdwatch aligns closely with our own sustainable ethos, and I hope this donation will encourage the children to take small steps to help protect wild birds by welcoming them onto their school grounds."

Current availability at Linmere from Barratt David Wilson North Thames is a selection of one and two-bedroom apartments and two, three and four-bedroom houses with prices starting at £210,000 for a one-bedroom apartment.

¹ <https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/>

For further details about Barratt David Wilson North Thames or the new homes at Linmere, visit www.dwh.co.uk / www.barratthomes.co.uk or call 0333 355 8500 / 0333 355 8501.

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