



The Mayor's Challenge is launched for Sutton Schools



The Mayor of Sutton Coldfield is inviting schools in the royal town to get involved in an environmental challenge. Every school who enters receives a grant of £650 to organise a project which will help improve the local environment and support our wildlife.

Every year one of the Mayor's duties is to decide on a theme for the Mayor's Challenge and this year, The Mayor, Councillor David Pears, would like to discover where the "Junior Eco Champions" of Sutton Coldfield are and support their efforts by providing funding of £650 to make improvements to our local area.

Schools simply need to come up with an idea! It could be anything from planting up a vacant piece of land, installing bird boxes to creating a vegetable plot in their school. Then submit their ideas to the town council via a short application form electronically or via letter. Information is being emailed and delivered to schools across the town over the next week. The deadline for entries is on 6th October.

Councillor Pears commented; "My passion lies with cleaning and greening up the environment and getting people outdoors into our beautiful parks and open spaces. I thought that during my term, it would be nice to recognise young people who are interested in making changes to our environment for the better and invest time in our town."



The second part of the grant will be the provision of an extra £500 to the three schools with the most interesting projects, as decided by the Mayor and a panel of judges, to make further environmental improvements. The Mayor will be visiting these schools to see the changes they have made.

The Mayor's Challenge will help support Sutton Coldfield in Bloom, a new initiative where the Royal Town of Sutton Coldfield is entered into the Heart of England in Bloom competition in 2018 and is being organised by Sutton Coldfield Town Council with support from the local community. A visit to a school will be an important stop on the judging tour when the royal town is examined for not only its horticultural achievements but also environmental responsibility and community involvement.

Schools interested in getting involved in the Mayor's challenge to benefit from £650 of funding simply email admin@suttoncoldfieldtowncouncil.gov.uk. You can also apply via <https://goo.gl/9FMK2J>

The projects and results will be featured on our website www.suttoncoldfieldtowncouncil.gov.uk in the near future.

For further information contact Royal Sutton Coldfield Town Council on 0121 663 1765 or email admin@suttoncoldfieldtowncouncil.gov.uk