

## Schools Engagement – Autumn 2022



Jackson Civil Engineering are working on behalf of the Environment Agency to build a replacement flood defence at Matlock in Derbyshire and reinstate flood protection from the River Derwent.

Being passionate about inspiring the next generation of young people, we're also taking the opportunity to engage with local schools so we can explain more about flood risk management and environmental issues.

On 14 September, the site compound at Matlock hosted a visit from Year 5 children at All Saints Primary School. The children learnt about construction risks by completing a hazard spotting activity and engaged with a talk on the importance of wearing Personal Protective Equipment. They got to see the construction work from a safe viewing point and learnt about river processes by experimenting with different land types and observing surface water run-off rates and water quality.



After the visit, the school sent a note of thanks saying: *“Thank you so much for your hard work in getting 60 enthusiastic children (and their teachers!) to the construction site...We can't thank you enough - it really was a fabulous trip!”*



On 19 October, we facilitated a visit from Year 3 and 4 students at Castle View Primary School to help with our environmental enhancements in Hall Leys Park. Working in partnership with Derbyshire Dales District Council, the team delivered a range of environmental activities for the children to engage with. This included making pine cone bird feeders, painting a bug hotel, rock art, a scavenger hunt around the park and planting a new wildflower area along the River Derwent. Below are some examples of the amazing rock art done which will be used to decorate the new wildflower area.





Thanks from the site team to all our partners at Derbyshire County Council, Derbyshire Dales District Council and Matlock Town Council for helping us to create a living legacy by inspiring the next generation of young people. More school engagement work is currently being planned. In the meantime, we love to receive feedback and details on how you can get in touch with us are below.



## Contact Us

If you have any questions or concerns about this project, please contact our Public Liaison Officer: Kathryn Battelle via email [kbattelle@jackson-civils.co.uk](mailto:kbattelle@jackson-civils.co.uk) or call 07970 159492.

If you would like to be added to our mailing list to receive future updates about this scheme, please contact us through the email address.

To find out more about this project, please visit the project information page at: [www.consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/east-midlands/matlock/](http://www.consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/east-midlands/matlock/) or use this QR Code

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