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TIME FOR WORK Conservation volunteers and pupils who helped transform the old pond

SCHOOL POND GETS NEW LIFE

BOLTON Conservation Volunteers have been helping restore a school's pond to its former glory.

They joined pupils, parents and staff at Clevelands Preparatory School, in Markland Hill, Bolton, to help clean out the pond.

It was originally built in 1992 as part

of the Wildlife Trust's Woodside Dell restoration project, but over the years the pond had become overgrown and clogged with silt.

Teacher Michelle Latham began a programme of restoration.

Rick Parker, BCV chairman, said: "School ponds and

wildlife areas are of great value to both schools and wildlife, providing both an introduction to the natural world for pupils and a haven for amphibians and invertebrates within an urban environment.

"Schools can use such resources for helping to teach everything from

biology to maths, as well as teaching children the importance of the natural world and engendering an appreciation of wildlife that will last a lifetime."

The volunteers cleared out thick mud and silt, before installing a new pond liner.