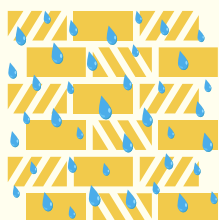




ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY TIPS FOR YOUR FRONT GARDEN



LET YOUR RAIN, DRAIN

Use less paving for parking and choose permeable paving so rainwater can soak into the ground.

CREATE A RAIN GARDEN

Rain gardens are made with a shallow dip in the ground which are planted up to help soak up heavy rainfall.



COLLECT YOUR RAIN

Plants love rainwater! Add a water butt so you can help slow the flow of rainwater.

PLANT A TREE

Add a small tree and hedge to your front garden so that it can help soak up your rainwater and be a welcoming place for birds.



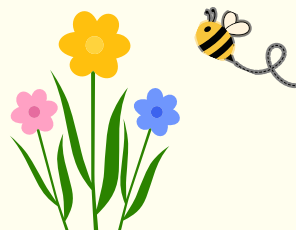
MAKE SOME MULCH MAGIC

Save your leaves and use them to create mulch. It makes your plants healthier and helps your soil to soak up rain.



WELCOME POLLINATORS

Plant flowers and shrubs to attract bees and butterflies.



MAKE A HOME FOR NATURE

Let your lawn grow longer and create leaf piles so that nature has a safe home in your garden. A small patch can make a big difference!

Scan the QR code to visit the Unpave the Way webpage for more information and ideas, including a full planting list!



What are SuDS?

'SuDS' is short for **sustainable drainage systems**

But what does that mean?

SuDS drain areas like nature intended by collecting, storing and draining rainwater at the place where it falls.

They come in all sizes big and small! You may find them at your school, park, neighbourhood, at roadsides or in town centres. You can even have them at your home!

Some look like big ponds! Whilst others look like pretty flower beds.



SuDS are a big help to people and nature

SuDS slow the flow of rainwater from building roofs, driveways and roads. This helps to stop sewers from being overwhelmed by excess rainwater during storms.

This means rivers are less likely to become polluted, making them healthier environments for people and wildlife to enjoy.

When you use SuDS to collect and drain rainwater at home you're also helping to protect homes from flooding.

SuDS have lots of talents!

- Help to prevent flooding
- Provide habitats for nature
- Help to cool homes and buildings during summer
- Filter pollution from surface water
- Make the air cleaner by trapping dust and pollution
- Provide calming green spaces for people to relax



SMALL BUT MIGHTY!

Here are some examples of small SuDS which you could have at your school or home!

Water Butt



Stores 42 watering can's of rainwater!

Rain Garden



Slows the flow of rainwater and helps pollinators

Downspout Planter



Stores 67 watering can's worth of rainwater!

Scan for more info

