

11. ECO-CENTRES



UK Eco-Centres that could support/host school activities

Introduction

It is hoped that schools and eco-centres could be inspired to set up creative, "outside days" for children to learn about sustainability based on the themes and activities in this pack. Schools remote from Hockerton could use their local eco-centres to help run the activities. Eco-centres may wish to offer programmes. Local centres will have to be contacted and arrangements made but local to local contacts should prove more sustainable in the long run.

HHP offers individually tailored events to help groups wishing to deliver the activities in this pack in their location. These groups might be school teachers or staff at an environment centre wishing to get to grips with the practicalities of the methods used.

LEA/Council's Environment Centres

Most LEAs and Councils will already run environment centres and could be the first point of contact. Examples from Nottinghamshire include:

- Perlethorpe
- Stoke Bardolph
- Hagg Farm
- Bestwood Park

Other Council facilities such as Rushcliffe Country Park might also be used as a venue for the activities.

HHP has researched potential centres around the country. On the following pages is a list of national organisations and private enterprises by region contact details.



National Organisations

Organisation	Contact Details	Notes
CREATE	http://www.create.org.uk/	CREATE motivates and educates people in businesses communities, and schools to achieve more sustainable uses of energy and reduce carbon emissions.
Federation of City Farms and Community Gardens (FCFCG)	Tel: 0117 923 1800 www.farmgarden.org.uk	FCFCG is the representative body for city farms, community gardens and similar community-led organisations in the UK. There are 59 city farms, nearly 1000 community gardens, 75 school farms and a number of community-managed allotments in the UK.
National Trust	www.nationaltrust.org.uk	The National Trust is a charity that protects and opens to the public over 300 historic houses and gardens and 49 industrial monuments and mills. They also look after forests, woods, fens, beaches, farmland, downs, moorland, islands, archaeological remains, castles, nature reserves, villages - a number of places/properties have been selected in the listing below.
Wildlife Trusts	www.wildlifetrusts.org	Network of 47 local Wildlife Trusts and its junior branch, Wildlife Watch, work together with local communities to protect wildlife in all habitats across the UK, in towns, countryside, wetlands and seas. The Wildlife Trusts safeguard and care for more than 2,500 nature reserves. Many of the nature reserves have a visitor centre where visitors can find out more about the reserve that they are visiting.

Private enterprises by Region

East Midlands

Centre/Site	Location	Educational Facilities	Contact Details	Notes
Attenborough Nature Centre	Nottingham (between Beeston & Long Eaton)	Educational programmes covering KS 1-4. Nature reserve. Displays	0115 9721777 enquiries@attenboroughnaturecentre.co.uk www.attenboroughnaturecentre.co.uk	A state-of-the-art eco-friendly building, surrounded by water, in the heart of a picturesque nature reserve within easy reach of Nottingham & Derby.
Clumber Park	Worksop, Nottinghamshire	Suitable for school groups. Hands-on activities. Children's guide/ quiz/trail.	01909 544918 (Learning) clumberpark@nationaltrust.org.uk www.nationaltrust.org.uk (Use search to find place)	
Brocks Hill Environment Centre	Oadby, Leicestershire	Educational programmes (KS 1 & 2 but can be adapted for KS 3 & 4. Exhibition	0116 257 2888 brockshill@oadby-wigston.gov.uk www.brockshill.co.uk	The unusual design of the visitor centre offers practical solutions to environmental problems as well as demonstrating ideas in new technology such as solar water heating.
Leicester Ecohouse	Western Park, Leicester	Educational tours for schools, as well as curriculum linked activities in the house, grounds and adjacent Western Park.	0116 222 0222 ecohouse@environ.org.uk www.environ.org.uk/ecohouse	Environmental show home demonstrating hundreds of environmental features and ideas, inspiring and encouraging visitors to make green changes to their own homes and lives.
Stainsby Mill: Hardwick Estate	Chesterfield, Derbyshire	Suitable for school groups. Live interpretation. Children's quiz/trail	01246 850430 (Hardwick Hall) 01246 858411 (Learning) stainsbymill@nationaltrust.org.uk www.nationaltrust.org.uk	Impressive fully-functioning water-powered flour mill. Idyllic rustic setting Massive 17 foot waterwheel
The Workhouse	Southwell, Nottinghamshire	Suitable for school groups. Hands-on activities. Children's quiz/trail. Live interpretation.	01636 817250 theworkhouse@nationaltrust.org.uk www.nationaltrust.org.uk (Use search to find place)	The best-preserved workhouse in England. Explore the workshops and dormitories of this imposing early 'welfare' institution Fascinating kitchen garden reflecting the food of the paupers

Eastern

Centre/Site	Location	Educational Facilities	Contact Details	Notes
Bourne Mill	Colchester, Essex	NOTE: Parking limited. No WC	01206 572422 www.nationaltrust.org.uk (Use search to find place)	A verdant oasis in suburban Colchester. Delightful stone-built sixteenth-century water-mill. Tranquil grounds beside a stream and millpond.
Dunstable Downs, Countryside Centre	Dunstable, Bedfordshire	Suitable for school groups.	01582 608489 dunstabledowns@nationaltrust.org.uk www.nationaltrust.org.uk (Use search to find place)	Extensive area of chalk grassland and farmland providing a wildlife haven.
EcoTech Centre	Swaffham, Norfolk	Contact to discuss	01760 726 100 01760 726 735 (Education) info@ecotech.org.uk sweaver@ecotech.org.uk (Education)	Opportunity for schools, to learn more about renewable energy, sustainable business practices, organic horticulture and the environment.
Epping Forest Field Centre	High Beach Loughton Essex	Field Study Centre - see website for details	020 8502 8500 enquiries.ef@field-studies-council.org http://www.field-studies-council.org/eppingforest/	Habitats include woodland, grassland, heathland, marshes, ponds and streams. The Forest's close proximity to urban and rural settlements, and to the Green Belt, make it an exciting place to study.
Flatford Mill Field Centre	East Bergholt, Suffolk	Field Study Centre - see website for details	0845 330 7368 enquiries.fm@field-studies-council.org http://www.field-studies-council.org/flatfordmill/	Younger children at Key Stages 1 to 3 use the Centre grounds and local area as an 'outdoor classroom' for first-hand experiences of the environment.
Great Notley Country Park & Discovery Centre	Braintree, Essex	Suitable for school field studies.	01376 347134	An example of sustainable design and construction demonstrating minimal impact on the environment. Includes a wind turbine, rainwater recycling and use of solar energy.
Greenhouse	Norwich	Two meeting rooms available.	01603 631007 info@greenhousetrust.co.uk www.greenhousetrust.co.uk	Renovated Grade II listed building to demonstrate energy efficiency and environmentally friendly materials.
Horseý Windpump	Horseý, Great Yarmouth	Suitable for school groups	01284 747500 (Regional office), 01493 393904 (open days only) horseýwindpump@nationaltrust.org.uk www.nationaltrust.org.uk (Use search to find place)	Restored five-storey drainage windpump. The estate is an internationally important wildlife site.
Houghton Mill	Huntingdon, Cambridge	Suitable for school groups. Children's guide. Hands-on activities.	01480 301494 www.nationaltrust.org.uk (Use search to find place)	Large 18th-century timber-built watermill - Last working watermill on the Great Ouse beautifully set upon an island in the river.
Wicken Fen National Nature Reserve	Ely, Cambridgeshire	Suitable for school groups. Children's quiz/trail.	01353 720274 www.nationaltrust.org.uk www.nationaltrust.org.uk (Use search to find place)	Britain's oldest nature reserve. Wildlife trails and hides. Home to wild ponies, highland cattle, a large variety of wetland birds and dragonflies. Fascinating visitor centre.

London & South East

Centre/Site	Location	Educational Facilities	Contact Details	Notes
Amersham Field Centre	Amersham, Bucks	Resources for all KS	01494 721054 fsc@amershamfc.freereserve.co.uk http://www.field-studies-council.org/amersham/	Located in the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. 30 hectare site provides a mosaic of woodland, grassland and pond habitats.
BedZed & Eco-Village development	Wallington, Surrey	Nothing specific for schools. The BedZED Centre houses an exhibition & a show home.	020 8404 4880 info@bioregional.com Via www.bioregional.com	UK's largest eco-village comprises 100 homes, community facilities and workspace for 100 people. One of the most coherent examples of sustainable living in the UK.
Bembridge Windmill	Isle of Wight	Suitable for school groups. Children's quiz/trail	01983 873945 www.nationaltrust.org.uk (Use search to find place)	Grade I listed windmill - only surviving windmill on the Island. Built c 1700 and still with its original machinery intact.
Canterbury Broad Oak Environmental Education Centre		Environmental Education programmes including NC linked	01227 452 447 canterbury.environmentalcentre@kent.gov.uk http://www.econet.org.uk/centre.html	
Dinton	Hurst, north west	Opportunities for	0118 934 2016	350 acres of rivers, meadows, lakes,

Pastures Country Park	of Wokingham.	primary schools cover a range of topics, both ranger-led and teacher-led activities. Multi-purpose hall for indoor work and small exhibition area.	http://www.greenlink-berkshire.org.uk/Wokeframe.htm	and wooded areas. More recent gravel extraction has created a series of lakes and islands of importance to local wildlife. Numerous paths and self-guided trails enable the visitor to explore this exciting area for wildfowl, birds, wildflowers and dragonflies.
Islington Ecology Centre	Gillespie Park Nature Reserve	Curriculum linked education service for schools.	020 7354 5162 islingtonecologycentre@dsl.pipex.com	An educational facility designed and run as a model of green living, aiming to encourage people to live their lives in as green a way as possible.
Iver Nature Study Centre	Iver Heath, Buckinghamshire	Environment Package consists of studying three habitats: Pond, Meadow and Woodland with accompanying worksheets.	01895 270730 smunn@groundwork.org.uk http://www.iverynature.com/	A two-acre wildlife garden in where members of the community can use the facilities and/or take part in organised activities for educational, environmental or therapeutic purposes.
Juniper Hall Field Centre	Dorking Surrey	Field Study Centre - see website for details	0845 458 3507 enquiries.jh@field-studies-council.org http://www.field-studies-council.org/juniperhall/	Set in an area of outstanding geological, geographical and biological interest.
Pitstone Windmill	Ivinghoe, Bucks	Suitable for school groups	01442 851227 www.nationaltrust.org.uk (Use search to find place)	Example of the earliest form of windmill - A Postmill construction from 1627. Fantastic setting in the Chilterns.
Thatcham Nature Discovery Centre	Thatcham, Berks	Visitors are encouraged to look, listen, touch and learn through an exciting range of interactive exhibits	Education Officer first on 01635 874381. http://www.greenlink-berkshire.org.uk/Thatcham_NDC.htm	The area is of outstanding importance for nature conservation, with the reed beds representing one of the largest stands of inland reeds remaining in the country.
The Living Forest	Hampstead Norreys Berkshire	Four programmes are available, including, 'Sustainable Future' and focus on world's rainforests.	01635 202444 enquiries@livingrainforest.org http://www.livingrainforest.org/	The Living Rainforest offers a unique educational visit for people of all ages and abilities to learn how the future of tropical rainforests and other ecosystems is closely connected to human lives and lifestyles.
The Witley Centre	Godlaming, Surrey	Suitable for school groups. Education room /centre. Learning officer available to host school visits Children's quiz/trail.	01428 683207 witleycentre@nationaltrust.org.uk www.nationaltrust.org.uk (Use search to find place)	Countryside visitor and education centre. Fascinating mix of woodland and heath. The purpose built centre houses a countryside exhibition
Weald & Downland Open Air Museum	Singleton, Chichester	Range of KS1-4 environmental activities.	01243 811459 schoolbookings@wealddown.co.uk http://www.wealddown.co.uk/school-primary-education-key-stage.htm	The Museum has always had education at the heart of its work. A visit to the Museum is an excellent teaching resource unobtainable in the classroom.
West Berkshire District Council - Other countryside sites owned or managed by				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thatcham Reedbed Nature Reserve, Thatcham • Greenham Common, Newbury (contact D. Parrett Countryside Ranger for details of activities etc, Tel. 519611) • Snelsmore Common Country Park, Nr. Newbury • Hosehill Lake Local Nature Reserve Theale • Bucklebury Common, Nr. Newbury • Padworth Common, Padworth • Wokefield Common, Burghfield • Holybrooke Linear Park, Calcot 				
For further enquiries about access to these sites Tel. Paul Hendry, Countryside Manager on 01635 519858				
Winchester City Mill	Winchester	Suitable for school groups. Education room/centre. Hands-on activities. Children's quiz/trail.	01962 870057 winchestercitymill@nationaltrust.org.uk www.nationaltrust.org.uk (Use search to find place)	Working watermill
Wokingham Countryside Service - Other Countryside Sites managed by				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • California Country Park, off Nine Mile Ride • Heathlake Nature Reserve, off Nine Mile Ride • Charvil Country Park, Twyford 				
For more information on events at these and other sites in the district phone the Countryside Rangers at 0118 934 2016, visit the website at www.wokingham.gov.uk/countryside or e-mail Countryside@wokingham.gov.uk				

North East

Centre/Site	Location	Educational Facilities	Contact Details	Notes
Earth Balance	Bedlington, Northumberland	Resources for schools	enquires@earthbalance.org.uk www.earthbalance.org.uk	220 acre site developed in partnership with local authorities, local business and the community to show how natural resources can be sustained, jobs created and energy harvested without waste or pollution.
Nature's World	Acklam, Middlesborough	Environmental Education Programme/ NC linked visits for schools. Trails for schools, catering for KS 1-4.	01642 594895 info@naturesworld.org.uk www.naturesworld.org.uk	Visitor attraction, extending to over 25 acres, provides a model for a balanced and sustainable future, e.g. traditional composting, organic gardens, reedbed system and futuristic eco-structure and hydroponicum (garden of the future.)
West Bolden Environmental Education Centre	West Boldon Tyne & Wear	Some 4,000 children visit the site each year to learn about nature, wildlife and the environment.	0191 5364873 westboldon4seasons@pop3.hiway.co.uk http://www.naturegrid.org.uk/westboldon/	The Centre is based on 12 hectares of National Grid land, which encompasses a wide variety of habitats

North West

Centre/Site	Location	Educational Facilities	Contact Details	Notes
Barn Countryside Centre	Whitefield, Manchester	Yes	0161 796 6404 bury@btcv.org.uk	Five miles from centre of Manchester, inside a local nature reserve at Phillips Park, a BTCV group runs an alternative energy installation and educational resource for local schools and community.
Blencathra Field Centre	Keswick	Field Study Centre - see website for details	017687 79601 enquiries.bl@field-studies-council.org http://www.field-studies-council.org/blencathra/	Centre occupies a dramatic setting on the south west side of Blencathra mountain near Keswick.
Blennerhassett Mill	Carlisle		016973 23523	Set up as an inspiration centre, where people (especially kids) can learn about sustainable living from compost toilets to the electricity generators.
Bridge-5 Mill/ Manchester Environmental Resource Centre Initiative (MERCi)	Manchester	None specified at the time	0161 273 1736 merci@bridge-5.org www.merci.org.uk	An inspiring focus for sustainability in Manchester - a physical focus for debate and action around sustainable living. Home both to MERCi and numerous other progressive organisations and projects
Castle Head Field Centre	Grange over Sands Cumbria	Field Study Centre - see website for details	0845 330 7364 enquiries.ch@field-studies-council.org http://www.field-studies-council.org/castlehead/	The area has a long history of human influence and is ideal for issues-based approaches; for example, nuclear power and sustainable development.
Nether Alderley Mill	Macclesfield	Suitable for school groups	01625 527468 (Quarry Bank Mill reception) quarrybankmill.recep@nationaltrust.org.uk www.nationaltrust.org.uk (Use search to find place)	15th-century mill beside a tranquil mill pool. Original Victorian water wheel restored to full working order.
Penwortham Environment Education Centre	Preston	KS2 & 3 programmes. Well equipped classroom, a performance area and an indoor experiential learning room.	01772 751110 mail@penwortham.cix.co.uk http://www.naturegrid.org.uk/penwortham/	This well resourced Centre is dedicated to Environmental Education and staffed by a team of professional environmental educators. Grounds extend to around 12 hectares and include a wildlife garden.
Quarry Bank Mill and Styal Estate	Wilmslow, Cheshire	Suitable for school groups. Education room/centre. Hands-on activities. Children's quiz/trail.	01625 445888 (Learning) quarrybankmill@nationaltrust.org.uk http://www.quarrybankmill.org.uk/ & www.nationaltrust.org.uk (Use search to find place)	The most powerful working waterwheel in Europe One of the earliest steam-powered beam engines Live demonstrations in the mill. Woodland and riverside walks provide a tranquil contrast
The Lake District Visitor Centre	Brochole, Windermere	Field Study Centre - see website for details. Free to School Groups	015394 40800 education@lake-district.gov.uk http://www.field-studies-council.org/brockhole/	Base for the Lake District National Park's education service. Modern Visitor Centre, extensive grounds and a range of self-programmed activities.

Northern Ireland

Centre/Site	Location	Educational Facilities	Contact Details	Notes
Blackwater Valley Museum - Demonstrati on CHP plant	Benburb, Co. Armagh	None specified	028 7127 1520 d.jenkins@b9energy.co.uk www.b9energy.co.uk	

Scotland

Centre/Site	Location	Educational Facilities	Contact Details	Notes
Findhorn Ecovillage	Moray	Possibly only adult courses	01309 690311 Ecovillage Training and Education: evt@findhorn.org www.ecovillagefindhorn.com	The Findhorn Community, which began in 1962 in a caravan park in northeast Scotland, is known internationally for its experiments with new models of holistic and sustainable living.
Kindrogan Field Studies Centre	Enochdhu Blairgowrie Perthshire	Field Study Centre - see website for details	01250 870150 enquiries.kd@field-studies-council.org http://www.field-studies-council.org/kindrogan/	

South West

Centre/Site	Location	Educational Facilities	Contact Details	Notes
Cotswold Water Park	Cirencester	Range of 5 environmental sessions, covering KS 1 & 2. Most sessions take place outdoors. Classroom in wet weather.	01285 861459 info@waterpark.org http://www.waterpark.org/education.html	Britains largest water park. Visitor centre has many environmental features to showcase practical sustainability. A heat pump system using lake water heats the building.
Dunster Working Watermill	Nr Minehead	Suitable for school groups	01643 821759 www.nationaltrust.org.uk (Use search to find place)	Fully restored watermill Tranquil riverside setting.
Eden Centre	Cornwall	A range of workshops is currently available for Key Stages 1 to 3.	01726 811913 http://www.edenproject.com/	
Glen Lyn Gorge	Lynmouth	Nothing specified	01598 753207 www.theglenlyngorge.co.uk	
Nettlecombe Court The Leonard Wills Field Centre	Williton Taunton	Field Study Centre - see website for details	01984 640320 enquiries.nc@field-studies-council.org http://www.field-studies-council.org/nettlecombecourt/	The hills and woodlands in the immediate neighbourhood provide excellent opportunities for general introductory courses on environmental themes.
The Wilderness Centre	Forest of Dean	Teachers are available for course provision for all key stages, including school visits.	01594 542687 environmental.ed@wildernesscentre.co.uk http://wildernesscentre.co.uk/	The Wilderness and Plump Hill Centres are available for Residential and day visit courses.

Wales

Centre/Site	Location	Educational Facilities	Contact Details	Notes
Aberdulais Falls	Neath, Port Talbot	Suitable for school groups. Education room/centre. Children's quiz/trail.	01639 636674 aberdulais@nationaltrust.org.uk www.nationaltrust.org.uk (Use search to find place)	Famous waterfalls and largest waterwheel currently used in Europe to generate electricity. Turbine house providing access to an interactive display, fish pass and observation window
Centre for Alternative Technology	Machynlleth	Lots of educational resources - see website	Education: 01654 705983 Via website www.cat.org.uk	One of Europe's leading eco centres. The focus remains very much on practical solutions for everyday life, specifically environmental building, renewable energy, energy efficiency, alternative water supply and sewage treatment, organic growing, waste/recycling and transport. There are displays, working examples, free information,

Dale Fort Field Centre	Haverfordwest Pembrokeshire	Field Study Centre - see website for details	0845 330 7365 enquiries.df@field-studies-council.org http://www.field-studies-council.org/dalefort/	The Centre has easy access to unsurpassed sites for investigating marine biology and is located within the newly designated Special Area of Conservation.
Electric Mountain	Llanberis	Curriculum based resources for primary schools particularly Yr's 5&6. Trained guides to escort and facilitate.	01286 870636 info@electricmountain.co.uk http://www.electricmountain.co.uk/	Visitor centre is the starting point for the tour of Dinorwig Hydro Power Station.
Legacy Environment Education Centre	Near Wrexham Clwyd	KS 1 & 2 programmes	01978 843404 wx@groundwork.org.uk http://www.naturegrid.org.uk/legacy/	
Margam Park Education Centre	Margam Park Port Talbot	Field Study Centre - see website for details	01639 895636 margam_sustainable_centre@hotmail.com http://www.field-studies-council.org/margampark/	Prioritise schools from Neath Port Talbot and Swansea. The staff specialise in developing ideas of sustainability with Key Stage 2 groups
Rhyd-y-creuau The Drapers' Field Centre	Betws-y-coed Conwy	Courses for Key Stage 2.	01690 710494 enquiries.rc@field-studies-council.org http://www.field-studies-council.org/rhydycreuau/	Also run teacher training days for local schools, such as Sustainability Workshops
West Wales ECO Centre	Newport	Visits to the information centre and field visits to renewable energy installations can be arranged		The ECO Centre was established in 1980 as the West Wales Energy Group. Its remit was then and still is the promotion of the issues surrounding energy use and the environment

West Midlands

Centre/Site	Location	Educational Facilities	Contact Details	Notes
Birmingham City Council (Outdoor Education Centres): There are seven day centres in and around Birmingham, including one exclusively for children with special needs. The day centres provide unique environments for conducting a wide range of studies and offer invaluable farm, environmental and outdoor experiences. See - http://www.bgfl.org/services/outdoor/				
Bishops Wood Centre	Stourport-on-Severn	Programmes focus on sustainability, biodiversity and the natural world linked to NC and are led by experienced teaching staff	01299 250513 schools@worcestershire.gov.uk www.bishopswoodcentre.org.uk	The Centre is set in a seventy acre site consisting of ancient woodland, sweet chestnut and hazel coppice, meadows, newly planted woodland and ponds.
Brandon Marsh Nature Centre	Coventry	Sessions led by qualified teachers, linked to National Curriculum.	Education Team on 024 7630 8977 http://www.warwickshire-wildlife-trust.org.uk/Brandon/brandon.htm	Centre contains a purpose-built classroom, displays, hands-on activities and information about the nature reserve.
Parkridge Centre	Brueton Park, Solihull	None specified	Education Team on 024 7630 8977 http://www.warwickshire-wildlife-trust.org.uk/Brueton/brueton.htm	The Centre contains displays, hands-on activities and information about the local environment.
Wolseley Education Centre		Environmental education activity sessions linked to National Curriculum (all Key Stages)	Education Team on 01889 880100 j.perry@staffswt.cix.co.uk http://www.staffordshirewildlife.org.uk/education.asp	Headquarters of Staffordshire Wildlife Trust set in 26 acres of former landscape. The site has 3 lakes, a brook and a stretch of the River Trent.

Yorkshire & Humber

Centre/Site	Location	Educational Facilities	Contact Details	Notes
Malham Tarn Field Centre	Settle North Yorkshire	Field Study Centre - see website for details	01729 830331 fsc.malham@ukonline.co.uk http://www.field-studies-council.org/malhamtarn/	Within walking distance of the Centre are famous limestone features including Malham Cove, Gordale Scar and spectacular karst landscapes.
Skelton Grange Environment Centre	Leeds	See website for details	0113 2430815 skelton@btvc.org.uk http://www.skeltongrange.org.uk/	An innovative environmental education project that aims to bring alive the issues surrounding sustainable development. Award winning, environmentally designed centre.
Hebden Bridge Alternative Technology Centre (ATA)	Hebden Bridge	The SUSchool programme is a toolkit of resources to help schools learn about sustainability & environmental issues. Also run interactive workshops (KS1-4).	0845 330 4930 info@suschool.org.uk http://www.suschool.org.uk/	Educational resource centre on the banks of the Rochdale Canal in Hebden Bridge.
Heeley City Farm	Sheffield	Schools use the farm as an outdoor classroom to study a range of environmental subjects. Resource sheets available.	0114 258 0482 farm@heeleyfarm.org.uk http://www.heeleyfarm.org.uk/	Friendly farm and environmental visitor centre
Meanwood Valley Urban Farm	Leeds	Environmental education service to schools. The EpiCentre is the focal point for environmental work, housing the reception, meeting rooms and display areas.	0113 2629759 http://www.wvf-leeds.org.uk/	The Farm is 2 miles north of the centre of Leeds surrounded by industrial units and housing, preserves a green corridor, together with its wildlife, which stretches from the inner city to the open countryside. The Centre is a showcase example of 'green' construction and is an exhibit in itself.
York Environmental Community Centre	York	Courses on various environmental topics related to the National Curriculum. Courses can be run for schools,	01904 411821 http://www.stnicksfields.org.uk/	The Centre has been designed to exemplify sustainability, energy conservation and energy production from renewable sources. Staff look after the maintenance of the local nature reserve, run environmental education courses, and provide advice on environmental issues.