

Woodville school children collect for wild animals after finding injured bat in playground

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Pupils from Granville Sports College have donated hundreds of items to Linjoy Wildlife Sanctuary. Pictured from left is head teacher Jo Kingswood and Lindsay Newall.

Generous pupils at a school in Woodville have collected hundreds of blankets, beds and tins of pet food for an animal charity after finding an injured bat in their playground.

Youngsters at Granville Sports College in Burton Road, Woodville, brought in 200 items to help injured and sick wild animals at Linjoy Wildlife Sanctuary in Lincoln Road, make it through the tough winter.

The project began after pupils at the school found a bat with a broken wing in the playground and contacted the wildlife sanctuary to help nurse it back to health. Jo Kingswood, head teacher at Granville Sports College, said that she was delighted by the pupils' response to the appeal.

She said: "As a school we always look to support charities in the community. A bat was found in the school playground lying on the floor and when I contacted the wildlife sanctuary they responded very quickly.

"I saw an appeal for the sanctuary on social media for items, so we put an appeal out to pupils for dog and cat food. I couldn't believe the response. - it was a minibus-full. It was the amazing generosity of our pupils and parents."

Lindsay Newell, owner of Linjoy Wildlife Sanctuary, explained that the donations would make a huge difference to the charity this winter.

She said: "It was a brilliant donation, I was quite shocked at how much there was. It is really amazing and will keep the animals fed and warm while in our care. There were so many luxury food items too. The hedgehogs love pouches of cat food but they are more expensive, and we can wrap them up in the towels as well."

The bat found in the playground sadly did not survive due to its injuries. The school's next project will be Carols for Cardio to help raise money for a defibrillator at the school. Pupils will pay to miss a lesson and go to sing carols instead around the school, and all money will go towards the new equipment.