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## **News Release**

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### **Nature Reserve wins Bags of Help**

Thanks to the [Tesco Bags of Help scheme](#) we've improved the landscaping for both visitors and wildlife at **Nazeing Triangle Local Nature Reserve (LNR)**.

**Nazeing Triangle LNR** received £8,000 from **Tesco and Groundworks** for a community project. It was to improve the habitat for local wildlife and provide better access for visitors. The money was raised by the 5p carrier bag charge which is to be used for grants to improve local parks, hold community events, support sports groups and more.

### **The first stage is complete**

The community project is run by our [Countrycare team](#) who were thrilled to receive the grant. **Assistant Countryside Manager Nicola Ceconi** said: "This exciting project has just begun. We've installed a new dipping platform, similar to a jetty, giving wildlife lovers safe access to the waterside."

"Next, we will plant native aquatic pond plants around the pond edges using preplanted coir matting. This will improve the habitat for amphibians and invertebrates, providing an important refuge and food source. The plants should then grow and spread around the pond."

### **Pond experience**

“We want visitors to get the most out of their pond experience. A panel showing the different species living in the nature reserve will boost their knowledge and appreciation of pond life. The final stage is to let nature take its course. I’m hoping the natural colonisation by plants and wildlife will occur surprisingly quickly.”

## Thanks to the funding from Tesco

“The old dipping platform had become rotten and unsafe” said **Councillor Gary Waller, Safer, Greener and Transport Portfolio Holder**. “This new platform will be wheelchair accessible, allowing people of all ages and abilities to enjoy the pond.”

“The habitat for invertebrates and amphibians will improve with time, and this will encourage a greater biodiversity in the pond, all thanks to the funding from **Tesco Bags of Help and Groundworks**.”

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