

**QUESTIONS FROM THE YOUTH COUNCIL**

- (A) Are there any environmental projects planned which Stevenage Youth Council could be involved with?**

**Answer (Councillor John Gardner):**

The short answer is yes and your support would be greatly appreciated.

*For example, there could be an opportunity to undertake a biodiversity project at Weston Road Cemetery to:*

- *Create and position some hedgehog homes;*
- *Create a log pile;*
- *Install bird / bat boxes; and*
- *Sow a wildflower meadow.*

*This is a project that could be completed in one day, with support from SBC staff.*

*If the Youth Council would prefer an ongoing project, we have lots of opportunities within the Biodiversity Action Plan, including:*

- *Pond clearance;*
- *Woodland management; and*
- *Habitat surveys.*

*SBC officers would be happy to meet with representatives of the Youth Council to discuss further and are very grateful for the offer of support.*

- (B) As a Youth Council we have been having discussions around the Black Lives Matter movement, and we are interested to know if SBC is planning on running any projects on this and if we could be involved from a young person's perspective?**

**Answer (Councillor Jackie Hollywell):**

*The Council would welcome the involvement of the Youth Council in the shaping of ideas around projects from a young person's perspective related to Black Lives Matters. Noting the Council debate on the Black Lives Matter motion later on the agenda, the involvement of the Youth Council in a broader local Equalities Commission would help ensure that young people's views are heard alongside those of the broader Stevenage community.*