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ENTA Trainees produce new homes for wildlife at Queslett Nature Reserve

Oscott Ward Councillor Keith Linnecor, and Birmingham City Council Environment Warden, Deborah Parsons this week took delivery of a range of specially commissioned items produced by Birmingham trainees for Queslett Nature Reserve. The range of sixteen hand crafted Bat Boxes, Bird Houses and Robin Nesting Boxes were manufactured at ENTA's city centre training Centre by 16-18 years olds on the e2e (Entry to Employment) programme and unemployed adults working towards vocational qualifications.

Councillor Linnecor, Chair of the Friends of Queslett Nature Reserve said "As a committee, our aim is to proactively increase wildlife at the Reserve and these special nesting boxes will be a fantastic way to attract a diversity of creatures".

John Breen, Woodwork Tutor at ENTA explained "We welcome special commissions and this project presented a great learning opportunity for our carpentry trainees. They had to think about the materials, size and end usage of the boxes, learning not only valuable woodwork skills but also about the animals themselves. The workmanship had to be of a very high standard, well put together and of untreated timber to make the items as 'animal friendly' as possible".

Deborah Parsons, Oscott Ward Environmental Warden added "We were already aware of the quality of ENTA's work on account of Estate Improvement undertaken by trainees in Oscott Ward. We visited the Training Centre and saw an opportunity for further links with ENTA. We are really pleased with these items which will be of great value for the wildlife on Queslett Nature Reserve".

Individuals or organisations wanting to enquire about special commissions are invited to contact ENTA on 0121 359 6776.

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Editors Notes

1) ENTA has been working across Birmingham since 1977 providing learning opportunities, training, information, advice and guidance to help people think about and prepare for paid employment.

As a Community Interest Company (CIC) ENTA is a not-for-profit organisation working in the community, for the benefit of the community. The work of ENTA fulfils our vision of enabling all people to achieve their potential, no matter what barriers they have faced in education, employment or training.

ENTA has 3 bases in Birmingham City Centre (head office, main training centre and IT training centre) plus 2 bases in the community in Kingstanding (Lakeside Children's and Family Learning Centre and Wyrley Hall Community Learning Centre)

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