

Student Ambassador Meeting with Steve Holland - Freshney Ward local councillor
27.11.25

Introduction

Welcome to Steve and brief description of what Steve's job is.

Discussion and points raised by pupils

- Pupils would be interested in taking part in a litter pick around the local area.
- Steve would like to be involved in helping to organise this.
- One pupil asked if we could have more bins in the local area. Steve pointed out that it costs a lot and they would need to be emptied. Bins along the river can't be accessed by the vans.
- We discussed having a competition to make signs so people took their litter home or used bins. Steve said the council can help with making those signs and putting them up.
- Another child thought we could grow more trees. Steve pointed out that our area has fewer trees than the national average and so would encourage that. We have ordered some trees. This would encourage wildlife.
- Steve said the council have helped local wildlife by improving the river environment, taking away litter around the park. New houses have to have bird boxes.
- One pupils suggested we could make insect houses for forest schools.
- We discussed getting some funding to improve Mya's garden. Steve said we could apply and we would get it.
- We discussed the road outside school and having a lollipop lady or a zebra crossing. Steve said he would have to look to see if it was necessary. We could put a case together to give him some statistics of near misses or accidents.
- One pupil said they thought we should be looking at beach safety. Steve said beach safety does come under the local councils remit and letting schools know about resources is something they do. The children said they have had a beach safety assembly.
- One pupil raised the piece of land on the Willows estate where children play and ride their bikes and where houses are proposed. She said she didn't want houses built there as it is used as open land for pupils. Steve said he had had discussions about it and the committee had granted planning permission for the houses however he had opposed it. He said he was listening to the local residents.

Actions to do during the spring term

- Apply for funding to improve Mya's garden.
- Organise a litter pick in the local area.
- Develop forest schools area to help improve wildlife
- Whole school competition for signs to stop littering