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A space for creepy crawlies

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THE council's Clean and Green team has worked with residents, Cyril Jackson Primary School, volunteers from Canary Wharf Group and Spitalfields City Farm.

School children, farm workers, council staff and volunteers from Canary Wharf have joined forces to create a new leisure space for residents – and a 'bug hotel' for creepy crawlies.

An area in Bate Street, Limehouse was suffering from anti-social behaviour until the space was cleared, fences put up, pot holes were filled and brick-work repaired.

Pupils at Cyril Jackson Primary School had been busy collecting things to create a bug hotel – which will support biodiversity in the area. They also came up with a list of potential



Children building the bug hotel

names for the site too, with the winner – Creepy Crawlies Patch – selected by Mayor Lutfur Rahman.

Thirty rose bushes have been provided by Canary Wharf Group for the

area, along with wild flowers and fruit trees, which will eventually bear fruit for residents' use.

Cllr Shahed Ali, cabinet member for environment, said: "It's great to see cor-

porate volunteers doing such great work for all the community to enjoy. Volunteering is an important addition to the council's work in providing great community outdoor space."

Once established, the community will take ownership of the Creepy Crawlies Patch, but the council will support the maintenance of the area with the provision of tools, plants and advice from its Green Team.

The Cyril Jackson youngsters were rewarded for their work at an assembly on November 18. Sebri Nasir, whose suggestion won the naming competition, was presented with a £30 book token and a certificate.

To find out how to adopt a similar space or take part in volunteering contact Sam Dundas-Dunbar, Clean and Green volunteer co-ordinator, on 7364 6696 or email sam.dundas-dunbar@towerhamlets.gov.uk