

## HIBERNACULUM AT THORNWELL SCHOOL, WILLMOTT DIXON



### BIODIVERSITY ENHANCEMENT OVERVIEW

We built a hibernaculum for newts in Thornwell School's wildlife area. We created it using old rubble, bricks and other unwanted materials from the building site where we have been constructing new classrooms to replace those destroyed by fire in 2011.

The creation of the hibernaculum was in response to the ecologist's report which identified the presence of newts on the site. We used the project as an opportunity to talk to the school's Eco Club about ecology.

#### Construction stages



#### Fact box

**Company name:**  
Willmott Dixon

**Project name:**  
Hibernaculum at Thornwell School

**Location:**  
Chepstow

**Biodiversity enhancement:**  
Hibernaculum

**Size:**  
N/A

**Cost:**  
£0, the hibernaculum was built by our site team as part of their community activities, using recycled materials

**Tips:**  
With a bit of imagination and a little knowledge, it is possible to recycle site debris and unwanted materials into valuable spaces which enhance biodiversity – at very little or no cost.

**Year completed:**  
2014

#### Categories:

- Small scale permanent
- Most innovative