

# CONNECTING YOUNG PEOPLE WITH NATURE

## Keepmoat Homes case studies



Our Riverbank View development in Salford saw a project launched for young people outside of work, education or training create sand martin colonies through building a nesting bank. A safeguarding officer for one of the young people spoke of how his behaviour and punctuality had improved “beyond recognition” as a result.

At St Sebastian’s primary school in Salford, Keepmoat Homes and Salford Council employees worked together, bringing a geography lesson to life by applying it to the Riverbank View development. The students spoke to Keepmoat Technical Managers about the habitats present prior to the works commencing and species that must be investigated as part of the planning process. They learned about the potential challenges and advantages for building on previously developed land.

At our Castlefields development in Runcorn, we replaced each tree lost through the development by planting two trees in its place. We worked with Astmoor Primary School, using the saplings to create a new forest school learning area onsite as part of the Forest School Training initiative, which specialises in using forestry for education.