

## WELCOME TO OUR WOODS

This teacher pack was funded by the Forestry Commission through their Cydcoed European funded grant scheme that aims to improve local woodlands for the enjoyment and use of the local community.

### BACKGROUND

The Hollybush woodland area (Coed y Llanerch) was chosen as an exciting area to develop an outdoor classroom and resource for the use of schools in the Caerphilly area.

The woodland area has broad leaf and conifer woodland and the river Sirhowy all within a short walk of the outdoor classroom.

The project aimed to:

- establish an outdoor classroom area and shelter.
- Improve the parking area for the school minibus at William Street / Railway Terrace.
- Provide a hardwearing surface for the path from Hollybush to the outdoor classroom area.

Produce a 'work pack' on the woodlands to help children learn more about the natural environment and their local area and create a book to be used by children and adults to encourage them to explore, play and learn in the woodlands.

A group of local teachers was carefully selected from the 7 local primary schools that feed into Pontlanfraith Comprehensive. This A Team then spent a week working with Caerphilly County Borough Council's Countryside Ranger Service to develop this wooden masterpiece that you are now reading.

This teacher pack is to be used in conjunction with the wooden book to provide a framework of activities for any group using the area.

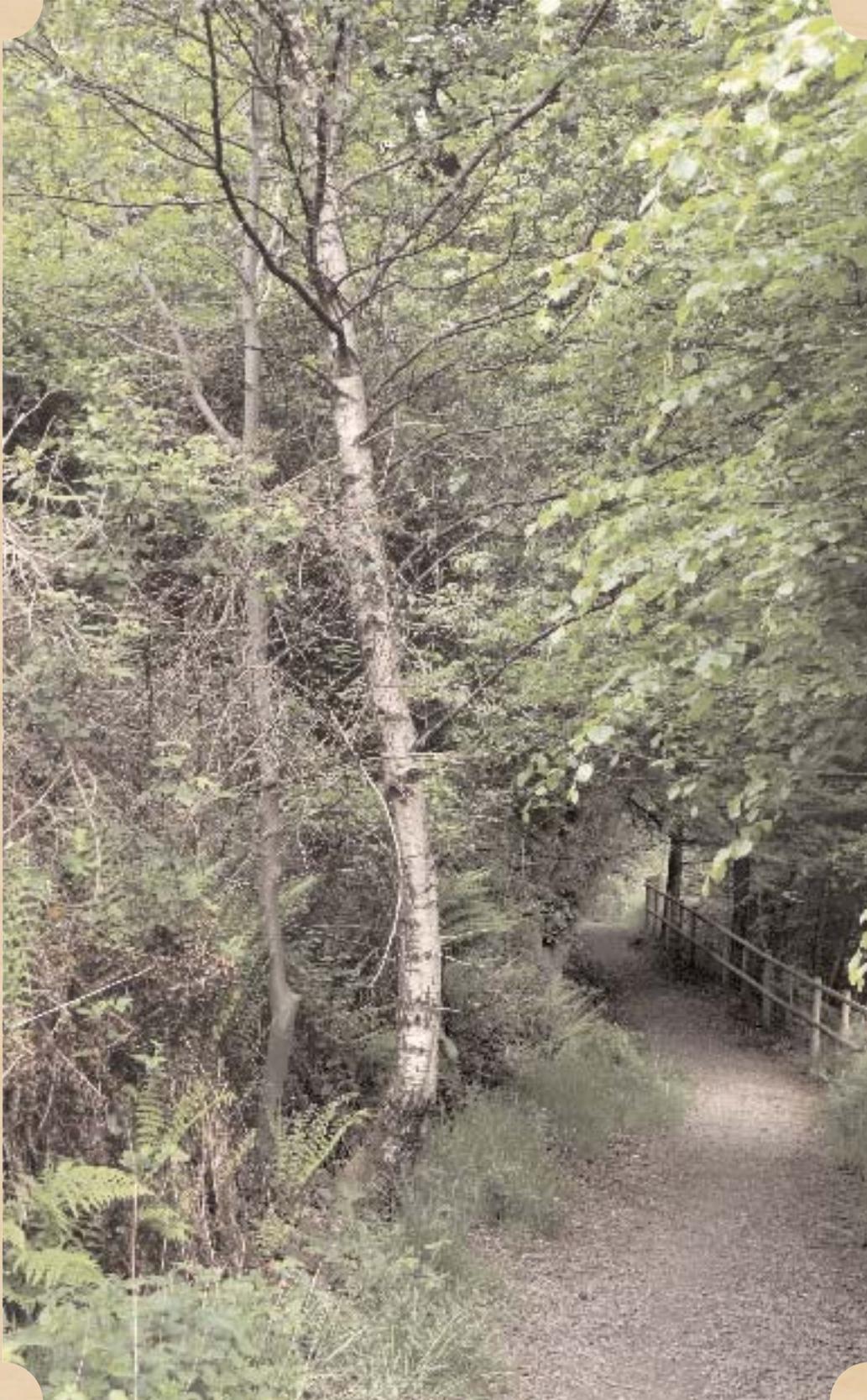
This teacher pack is however not a finished pack that should sit on the shelf. It is just the beginning of a woodland adventure for you and your children to add ideas to and develop new games and activities.

# 1. Viewing point



*From the viewing Post*

## 2. The Wonky Tree



*View down the path*

### 3. The Story Tree

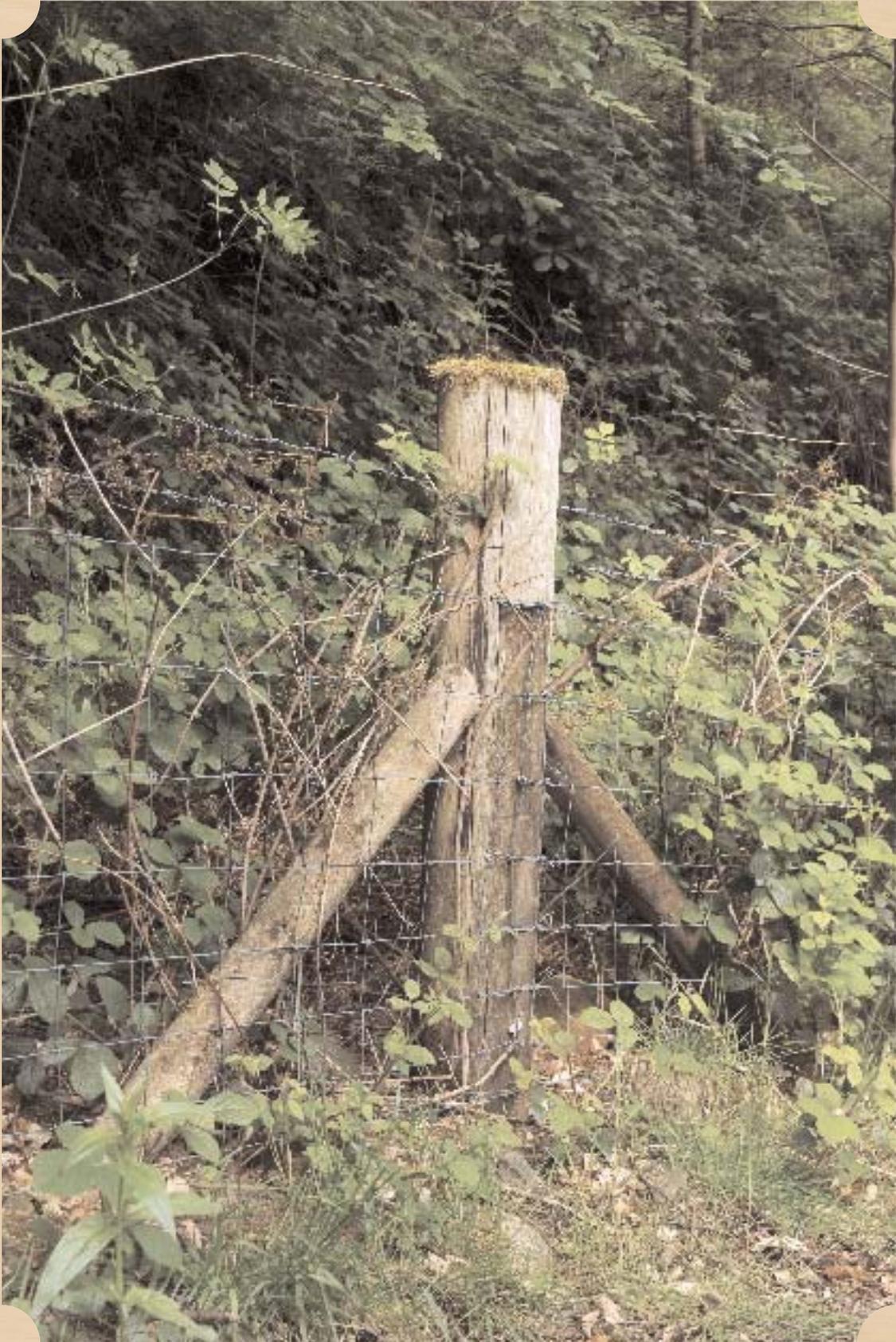


*The story Tree*



*A place to rest*

## 4. The Moss Post



*The Moss Post*

# 5. The Bridge



*The Bridge*



*The Bridge*

## 6. Circle and Fire Log Site 1



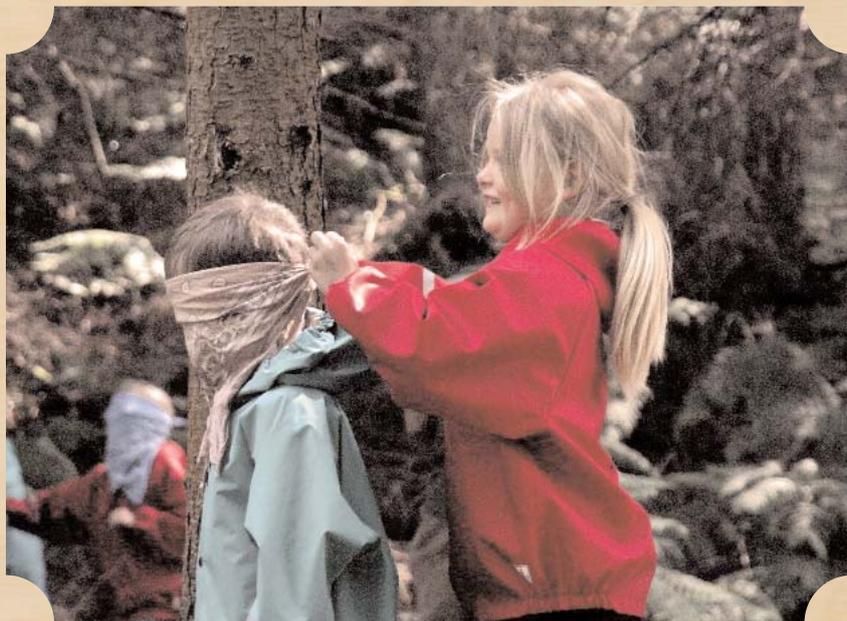
*Enjoying Activities*

# 7. The Site Under the Trees

## Site 2



*Under The Trees*



*Fun Under The Trees*

## 8. Log Circle and Access to River Site 3

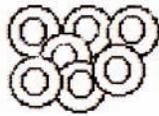


*The Log Circle*

## LIFE CYCLES AT COED Y LLANERCH

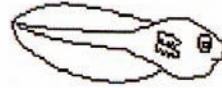
### EGGS

Eggs are laid in masses in or very near the water.



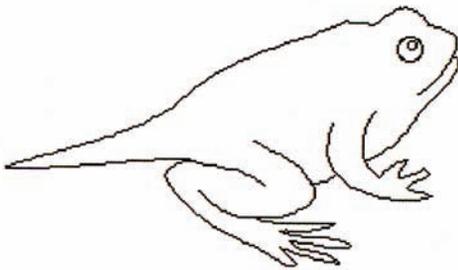
### TADPOLE

The tadpole swims in the water and breathes using gills.

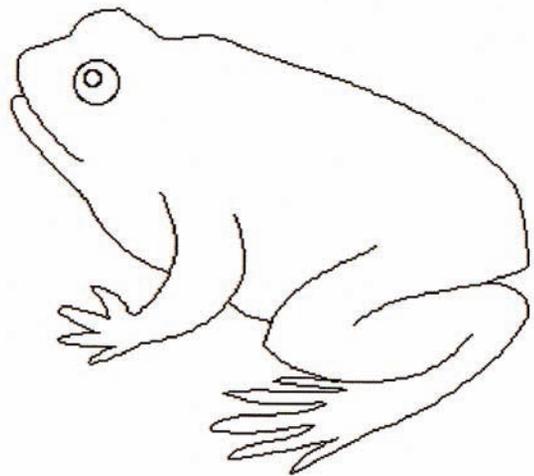


### FROGLET

The froglet still has the remnants of a tail but now breathes using lungs.



### ADULT FROG



## BUTTERFLIES AT COED Y LLANERCH

### INSIDE

Fold a piece of A4 paper.

Draw a butterfly shape and decorate.

### OUTSIDE

Make a tube by cleaning out short lengths of Elder. Stick the paper butterflies onto sticks.

Wind the paper around the stick.

Slide the butterfly into the Elder tube.

The Elder tube then becomes the chrysalis for the butterfly to burst out from.

### RESOURCES

Pictures of lifecycles.  
Paper, Pencils, Sticks,  
Lengths of Elder.

### KEY SKILLS

Thinking.  
Communication.

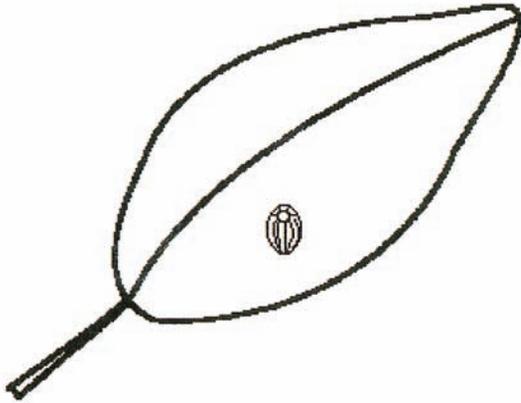
### SPECIFIC VOCABULARY

Caterpillar, Chrysalis,  
Butterfly, Elder.

## LIFE CYCLES AT COED Y LLANERCH

### EGG

Eggs are usually laid on the underside of the leaf.



### LARVAE

The larvae is also called the caterpillar. It moults (sheds its skin) many times as it grows.



### PUPA

The pupa is also called the chrysalis.



### ADULT

