ACTIVITY GUIDE
– WELLY BOOT PLANTER

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landscape of the Wye Valley AONB and Forest of Dean

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An alternative way to upcycle old welly boots and bring a spot of colour and humour to the garden or doorstep. A straightforward way to give a home to your selection of small plants.

Activity rating
Suitable for all but the use of a cordless drill is needed to drill drainage holes into the soles of the wellies and some assistance may be required to carry this out safely.

Time required for activity
30-45 mins depending on size and number of boots.

Preparation time
10 mins to set up table. Compost and plants should be bought beforehand.

Shopping list
• Old welly boots
• Multi-purpose compost
• Trowel
• Cordless drill
• Rocks or pebbles for drainage
• Cloth or other cover for the table
• Choice of small plants
• Jug of water

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Step by step instructions

1. Using the cordless drill, bore 5 or 6 holes into the sole of the boot being careful not to push too far and pierce the top of the boot. These will act as drainage holes.

2. Take a hand full of rocks or pebbles and place into the bottom of the boot filling the bottom of the boot.

3. Use the trowel to fill the boot with compost leaving enough space for the plant you wish to include.

4. Shake and tap it to encourage the soil to settle and fill the toes and gently press down on the top of the soil with your hands to compress it slightly.

5. Choose your plants and push them gently into the top of the welly boot, adding more compost around the edges until it is level.

6. Finally give your plant a water being careful that it doesn't trickle over the edge and on to the table.

7. Give the wellies a wipe down and place them in that perfect spot in your garden or on your doorstep.

Top Tips

• This can be a bit messy so you may wish to cover tables. Some participants may wish to use gloves.

• When using the drill, be careful not to push too much as to go through the other side of the welly boot.