

Pond revival is a generous business



Community groups and companies have helped Campion School to repair the pond at its Norman Painting Plantation. Severn Trent refilled the pond at the reserve on Tuesday. Pictured are Justin Archer (parent) Chris Philpott (Eco Schools co-ordinator), James Archer (student), Rob van Schie (parent) and Ian Coop (Severn Trent). MHLC-26-10-10 Nature Oct78

COMPANIES and parents have helped to repair a wildlife pond at a Sydenham school's nature reserve.

The 11 by seven metre pond at Campion School's Painting Plantation had been leaking for several years but various firms have rallied round to help.

Birkenhead-based CETCO replaced the liner with a higher grade clay material and supervised the fitting for free.

Justin Archer and Dr Robin van Schie, of the school's a Better

Campion Eco Group, helped with the work.

Building company A C Lloyd donated ten tons of cover soil, which was moved by offenders on Warwickshire Probation Service's Community Payback project.

To complete the task, Severn Trent supplied the 25,000 litres of water to fill the pond on Tuesday.

The plantation and pond are named after the late Archers star Norman Painting, who donated

both to the school to celebrate his 80th birthday.

Community company Building Arts, run by parents Juliet Carter and Dr van Schie, has successfully bid for a £6,500 lottery grant to build an outdoor classroom next to the pond.

Chris Philpott, Campion's Eco Schools Co-ordinator, said: "This is a positive story which shows how schools can do more to provide environmental education with the support of companies, parents and eco groups."