



# WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 5 JUNE, 2020

## REFLECTIONS DURING COVID-19

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Many thanks for participating in this initiative and sharing your thoughts in these times. The reflections have been presented in an aggregate form and anonymised. Hope you enjoy reading this compilation.



*Ability to watch the flowers develop day by day, planting seeds, walking in local nature reserves previously undiscovered.*



*Seeing seals in the Southsea Solent for the first time ever - Clear waters like the Mediterranean.*

*Return of plastic bags in supermarket deliveries: The severity of coronavirus means environmental considerations such as single use plastic have worryingly taken a backseat.*

*Demon composter: kilos of free compost for the garden: less waste, more fun!*



*Volunteering as a litter picker*



*Staying away' from other human beings = being able to get up close to nature*



*Exploring the world in our garden!*



*I would feel sad to lose this newfound closeness as things gradually return 'to normal'*

*I like this quietness*

*Continued normality amongst the chaos springtime displays new bursts of colour and activity from insects and birds.*

***Recognizing the pandemic as a predictable result of our exploitation of natural world and decimation of habitat.***

***The relationship (at the moment) still feels like an abusive one, where we take the pleasures from the environment, but don't put in the work (as a society as a whole, not a small percentage of the population) to lessen the burden that we are putting on the rare local green spaces that we still have.***

***I think green spaces are authentic life savers.***

***The joy of staying local, which has resulted in quieter roads, fewer planes and more cycling.***

***New wave of littering, which not only destroys the peaceful environment, but leads us to question the mentality of others to leave it there.***

***Valuing digital transformation offerings in terms of new ways of working, shopping and distribution***

***Seeking innovative ways of maintaining the balance between the environment, economy and society***

***It's a tale of two halves, while we are all realising that we are more reliant on natural spaces to help our mental wellbeing, especially, as these are the safest spaces to meet up in the current climate, which is a good thing.***

***Being part of conversations with the Friends of the Earth groups in how we come out of this crisis in a more sustainable fashion such as reducing our dependence on car travel in the locality by cycling and walking more.***

***I've been amazed at how many new birds visit our garden, and how I can actually hear them chirping. The noises of cars have diminished and instead I can hear squirrels scuttling about the trees.***