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Pest Control

Harriet Wells

"I am passionate about the environment. I wanted to get involved in a hands-on experience that would allow me to learn more about conservation while also making a difference. This led me to a conservation project where I helped work on removing all kinds of pests from a local park/bush area. I set traps for rats, stoats, possums, and hedgehogs, but also worked to remove plants such as gorse.

In the area, some species are being reintroduced, like the Red Admiral butterfly. It has been great to watch our work over the past year come to fruition, with a far smaller rat population, and a greater bird population. Additionally, whitebait have properly been reintroduced because there are less rats to eat their eggs in hay/plants on the shallow shore - it has been interesting to hear about the revival of this species there.

Getting involved with conservation has been gratifying and has helped me to put things into perspective more - I can understand that making a difference comes with showing up multiple times and helping out over a long period of time, instead of doing things once and not continuing."

