

Eco project revs up thanks to Cookstown car firm's cash drive

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Cookstown High School and Holy Trinity College have been supported by Mid-Ulster Cars in their joint venture of developing an Eco Garden.

The two schools' Eco Teams will be working together over the coming months to develop the garden at Cookstown High School which will primarily be used by the two schools to educate the younger generations to look after and protect the environment. It is also hoped this initiative will further develop the relationship between the two schools.

Catherine Porte, Eco Team Leader at Cookstown High School explained: "We have been trying to sustain funding for a project which will bring Cookstown High School Eco Team and the Eco Team at Holy Trinity College together and we are extremely thankful to Mid Ulster Cars Toyota for giving us this financial support to help get our Eco-Garden up

and running.

"This will allow us to buy gardening equipment and furniture such as seating, tables, bird boxes, plants etc," she said.

Furthermore, Chris Callan of Holy Trinity College in Cookstown reiterated Catherine's thanks to Mid Ulster Cars as the funding means the project can get underway.

The Eco-Garden is being developed on a piece of derelict land in the grounds of Cookstown High School and will be made into an area which can be used by both Holy Trinity College and Cookstown High School as an outside classroom to learn about environmental issues as well as attracting wildlife, birds and butterflies.

Nigel McGurk of Mid Ulster Cars Toyota is very supportive of the funding.

He said: "As a business, it is good to give something back to the local community and this is an excellent project for us to support as it's benefitting the local education of the young people in our town."

And he added: "We look



Members of the Holy Trinity College Eco Warriors receiving a cheque for £1,000 from Nigel McGurk and Johna McIntyre from Mid Ulster Cars Toyota for their joint Eco Garden venture with Cookstown High School. Marcus Blemmings, Cookstown District Council is also photographed.

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It is hoped that this educational initiative will further develop the relationship between the pupils who attend Holy Trinity College and Cookstown High School. Mid-Ulster Cars has given its full financial backing to the eco project which will be used by the pupils to build on their environmental knowledge.

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