

SECRETARY OF STATE VISITS AMWELL NR

Environment Secretary, Hilary Benn dropped in to see us at Amwell NR in June. The Secretary of State came to visit the new dragonfly trail and to find out about the important role the site plays for wildlife within the Lea Valley. Being home to all 19 species of dragonfly recorded in the County, Amwell is a rather special place, so we were delighted that our nature reserve was the first in the country that the Minister has visited since he took up the post of Secretary of State for Environment last June.

Apart from visiting the trail, he also spent some time in the White Hide, enjoying the views across Great Hardmead Lake and seemed very impressed with both the conservation work being carried out at Amwell Nature Reserve, and the recent improvements to benefit visitors to the site.

HURRAH FOR RATTY!

This October, Kenneth Grahame's ever popular book, *The Wind in the Willows* celebrates its centenary.

