






## Easter Activities

Lots of fun egg- themed ideas to try! Most are best completed outdoors though some can be done indoors too.

Activity	Resources needed
<p><b>Egg Decorating Competition</b> Why not have every member in the family take part in an egg decorating competition? Double points for using an 'eggsellent' egg pun!</p>	 <p>Hard boiled eggs Paints Pens Cardboard Paper</p>
<p><b>Easter Egg Hunt</b> Draw and decorate an Easter egg and display it in one of your front windows. This could be a great way of still taking part in an Easter Egg hunt! You could write down all the places that you spotted the eggs around Toley and count how many were found in total.</p>	 <p>Paper Pencil Crayons Cello tape</p>
<p><b>Egg Rolling</b> Each person in the family could take a hard-boiled egg to a nearby hill or create a small ramp in your garden. Use a tape measure to measure how far each egg rolled.</p>	 <p>Hard boiled eggs Tape measure Materials for ramp (or use a hill!)</p>
<p><b>Easter Egg Toss</b> Set up a basket at the end of your garden. Throw in the 'eggs'. A point for every time the egg stays in the basket. Try to stand a step further back each time.</p>	 <p>Basket Balls (fake eggs)</p>
<p><b>Egg Roulette</b> It is definitely recommended to play this one outdoors! Take 6 eggs. Hard boil half of them (but not the other half). Mix them up. Now have a family quiz. Every time someone answers a question wrong they have to break one of the eggs on their forehead...good luck!</p>	 <p>1 box of eggs.</p>
<p><b>Egg and Spoon obstacle course</b> Set up an obstacle course in your garden using any interesting objects you can find. Now try and complete the course holding an egg on a spoon! Time how long it takes you. Can you beat your other family members?</p>	 <p>1 hard- boiled egg 1 spoon Objects to use as obstacles</p>

## Wildlife Activities

If you want to attract more wildlife to your garden, here is the place to look.

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### Loo Roll Bird Feeder

All that extra loo roll you've been buying? Now you can put the cardboard tubes to good use. This is messy fun you will love! And it will attract lots of different birds to your garden. You can make this simple feeder with items you probably already have at home:



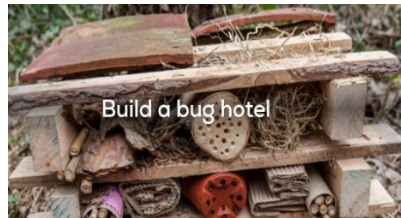
Peanut butter  
Bird seed  
Cardboard tube

1. Smother a cardboard tube in peanut butter (no added salt and sugar versions are suitable for birds).
2. Roll it in bird seed and thread some string through the hole.
3. Tie it up in your garden where birds will feel safe eating.

How many garden birds will you spot?

### Bug Hotel

Depending on what materials you have, you could make a mini beast mansion! But you don't need to have loads of stuff because there are simpler versions you can make too.



#### Simple version-

1. Choose a suitable area for your bug hotel.
2. Cut a large plastic bottle into 2 halves.
3. Arrange your materials including sticks, pine cones and bark inside each part of the bottle, making sure they are tightly packed.
4. You might want to hang your hotel depending on which bugs you want to attract.



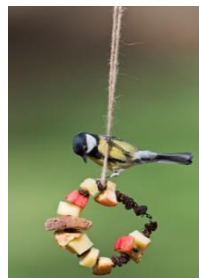
Plastic bottle  
Sticks  
Bark  
Pine cones  
String  
Old wooden pallets  
Bamboo sticks  
Soil  
Sand  
Bark  
Moss  
Straw  
Old plant pots

### Bird Kebab

Don't worry, this isn't a kebab made out of birds! It's a tasty treat for your feathered friends. You may need an adult to help with this one.



1. Cut up apple, bread and cheese into small cubes.
2. Carefully thread each piece of food along the wire, leaving about 8cm at each end.
3. Bend the ends into little hooks.
4. Bend the wire to form a circle.
5. Tie a loop of string around the wire and hang in outside ready for the birds to feast on.



Apples  
Bread  
Cubes of cheese  
Raisins  
Floral wire  
String

## Outdoor Arts and Crafts




Arts and Crafts are a fantastic way to get creative...but you don't have to do it all indoors. There are loads of different ways of getting crafty in nature.

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<p><b>Rock Art</b></p> <p>Find a smooth stone and paint it. You could turn it into a little bug like the ones in the picture by adding some googly eyes! If you want your rock art to last outdoors, its best to use a sealant spray when the paint has dried. Amazon has loads available.</p>	<p>Paints or pens (Acrylic is best)</p> <p>Sealant spray</p> <p>Googly eyes (optional)</p>
<p><b>Pine Cone People</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. First of all, collect the pine cones you need.</li> <li>2. Then weave a pipe cleaner around the back of the pine cone. This will be the arms for your person.</li> <li>3. After that, weave another pipe cleaner further down your pine cone. Now bend the sticking out parts into the legs.</li> <li>4. You can now add clothing to your person by gluing on scraps of fabric. If you are careful with adding shoes, you should be able to get your person to stand up!</li> </ol>	<p>Pine cones</p> <p>Pipe cleaners</p> <p>Glue</p> <p>Scraps of fabric</p> <p>Paper</p> <p>Wool</p> <p>Googly eyes (optional)</p>
<p><b>Clay Nature Faces</b></p> <p>f you live around Totley, you don't need to buy any clay for this one. You can grab a handful of clay from the woods (or perhaps even your garden) for free! Mould your clay into the shape of a face on a tree. You can add hair and other facial features using natural materials. Maybe you could make a whole clay family?</p>	<p>Clay (mud)</p> <p>Leaves</p> <p>Sticks</p> <p>Flowers</p>
<p><b>Arty Nature Picture</b></p> <p>Collect as many different natural materials as you can find from your garden or whilst out walking. Arrange them into a scene on a piece of paper and carefully glue each piece down. You might want to take a photograph of your picture as it wont last forever.</p>	<p>Natural materials</p> <p>PVA glue</p> <p>Paper or Card</p>



### Get Growing Activities

There really has never been a better time to start growing your own plants and vegetables. There are so many plants you can grow which don't require much space at all, so get growing!

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<p><b>Sunflowers</b></p> <p>Sunflowers like to grow in full sun in well-drained soil. They are mainly sown from mid-April to the end of May. You can grow them straight into the ground so just use a trowel to get rid of any weeds. Make little holes in the soil around 10cm apart. Now add in your seeds. Place the seeds in carefully and cover with soil. Don't forget to water them gently. As they grow, if the plants are too crowded you will need to move them further apart. Keep your seedlings safe from slugs and snails by covering them with half a plastic bottle. As your sunflower grows taller, you will need to support the stem with a cane. Sunflowers are great for attracting bees to your garden.</p> 	<p>A packet of sunflower seeds Soil Canes</p>
<p><b>Eggy Cressheads</b></p> <p>Cress seeds germinate (appear) within a day or so, and you will be able to pick some to try (or for your egg and cress sarnies) within a week to ten days.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. First comes the yummy bit – cook and eat the eggs!</li> <li>2. Once you have eaten your egg and the shell has cooled down, fill half of the bottom of the shell with cotton wool. Now dampen the cotton wool with a little tap water, taking care not to swamp it.</li> <li>3. Sprinkle a few cress seeds on top of the cotton wool (about 10-20). You can either stand the egg heads in an egg carton or in an egg cup while they grow.</li> <li>4. You can paint faces and stick googly eyes onto the egg shells giving them funny faces to match their green cress hair!</li> </ol> 	<p>A packet of cress seeds Eggs Cotton wool Pens Googly eyes (optional)</p>
<p><b>Cherry Tomatoes</b></p> <p>Tomatoes are a great vegetable to grow because they don't take up too much space. Plus, they are delicious!</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Fill your pots or seed trays with compost. Carefully place your seeds on top and cover with a thin layer of compost. Place somewhere warm and sunny (Keep indoors for a while if you don't have a greenhouse)</li> <li>2. Wait until May (so there will be no frost!) before planting your tomato plants outside in growbags, pots or the ground. You can put them in a greenhouse earlier than this.</li> <li>3. Some tomato plants will need to be supported by canes as they grow taller.</li> <li>4. Regularly water your tomato plants to keep the compost moist.</li> </ol> 	<p>A packet of tomato seeds. Small pots or seed trays Seed compost Plant labels Canes</p>