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NATURE: Children from Elmstead Market school who will soon benefit from a new village wooded area

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Village is to gain a wood

AN ESSEX village is creating its own natural wooded area with youngsters given a chance to play their part.

Elmstead Market will be home to the wooded learning area, as part of a plan to create a new native broadleaf woodland on a 105-acre site recently purchased by the Woodland Trust.

The learning area will be situated within 15 acres funded by retailer TK Maxx from profits it made through an initiative to reduce the use of plastic carrier bags.

The learning area will feature a diverse range of trees, plants and shrubs as well as a "bubbling brook", creating habitats for various forms of wildlife.