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'Friends of North West Ipswich Open Spaces Committee'

On Tuesday 1st November 2016, I met with two representatives of the 'Friends of North West Ipswich Open Spaces Committee' and interviewed them for Radio Westbourne about a project they are currently involved with.

They have been shortlisted for funding from the Tesco 'BagsForHelp' project. For those of you who may be unaware of the scheme, Tesco are donating all of the profits from their 5p carrier bag sales to local good causes.

NW Ipswich Open Spaces are guaranteed at least £8,000 which they will use to make improvements to the green spaces/parks within the Whitehouse/Whitton/Castle Hill area, however if they actually win the vote, they will be awarded £12,000 and this is where they would like to ask for your assistance.

Between now and November 13th, every time you shop in either Bramford Road/Norwich Road/Copdock Interchange Tesco branches, you should be given a voting token (if you aren't given one, please do ask for it!) All you then need to do is drop it into the box by the doors on your way out of the store, voting for the NWI Open Spaces project.

I know that the NWI Open Spaces team would be most grateful for your support and if you were able to spread the word to other friends and family members who use the stores, then that would be really great too.

However much the group are awarded, they are keen to return to the Westbourne in the New Year to speak to our student body in assemblies as to how they would like to see the funding spent to improve their local community.

In addition to the opinions of the students, the committee are also fully aware that green spaces are used by the entire community and therefore would also like to hear any comments or suggestions that you may have as to how they could best use the funding they receive - the contact details for their website and social media accounts are detailed below:

<http://www.nwiopenspaces.webeden.co.uk/#/projects/4593152202>

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Thank you in advance for your support.

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