



Juniper Green 300 Reflection 2

What have we learned?

There are some obvious answers to that question: we have learned about the history of the village of Juniper Green, that the history goes back beyond 300 years to the Bronze Age and have seen the skull and pictures of the pots that go with it. We have learned about the mills on the Water of Leith and the way in which they worked and why they were there in the first place. We have learned about the Colinton Fault and the geology of the area; or about the nature and wildlife around about us, even if very few people actually saw the otter! We visited the fascinating exhibition and discovered all kinds of things about the past, about the community, the churches, and especially the people. There were so many talks and walks and projects that it would take a long time to tell the whole story; these are simply some of the highlights.

There is another answer to the question 'what have we learned?' We have learned about each other. The stories that some people have to tell of growing up here have opened many people's eyes. We have got to know people we didn't know before, getting to know the names of some people we simply passed in the street before. We have learned that there are an awful lot of very talented people in Juniper Green and the surrounding area and that many of these people are happy to use their talents for the benefit of the community. The school teachers learned that children can come up with some amazing ideas when they are given the opportunity. We have also realised that there are still many people across the world who have connections with Juniper Green. People are the heart of any community and getting to know people in a new way has been the best legacy of Juniper Green 300.