

## SAINT GOBAIN site visit – Corporate biodiversity activities June 2014

### Key Facts

1. Best practice visits are a benefit for all BESST members.

### Objectives

1. Adopt corporate biodiversity best practice from other BESST members.

### Outcome / Benefits

1. Biodiversity conservation achieved through non-government conservation charity, university and corporate business partnership.



As part of sharing best practice, Saint Gobain opened its doors to 21 BESST members for a tour of their corporate biodiversity achievements and activities at their Ketley site.

Richard Summers presented the history of the Saint Gobain PAM UK site and how they have adopted corporate biodiversity best practice from other BESST members.

Dr Lynne Besenyei, Wolverhampton University, gave a presentation on how the university is developing ways to increase the number of wild flower meadows and work with companies to improve the natural capital of their own sites.

Richard Summers and Simon Higgins gave a tour of the works showing how Saint Gobain products are made. This also included a visit to the foundry area.

The group then went to look at the biodiversity activities which include nest boxes and the pools around the site. They also explained how they were re-mediating their landfill site through creating a wild flower meadow.

The biodiversity plan for the site was created in conjunction with SLR Consultancy and Shropshire Wildlife Trust.

Saint Gobain as a member of BESST is extolling the value of natural capital, corporate biodiversity and a very powerful point made by Richard Summers of Saint Gobain: the value of networking between a non-government organization conservation charity, a university and a business environmental network to improve our living landscape, validating the growing link between ecology and economy.

