



Alexandra Barker gets a close up view of one of the newts.



Erin Dodd, Ffion Sale, Lydia Spencer, Alyssa Huguen and Crystal Cheeseman take turns to hold a newt.



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It's a bug's life at high school

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STUDENTS had a glimpse into the world of amphibian and reptile conservation during a visit by the area officer of a national charity.

Mandy Cartwright visited Ysgol Treffynnon to talk to year 10 students about the wildlife that exists in the local area and the fascinating work of conservationists.

A former student of Holywell High School, as it was previously called, in the nineties, Mandy began volunteering for a variety of conservation organisations about ten years ago and has since held various roles within conservation

organisations in North East Wales.

To develop her knowledge in environmental conservation, she has studied for a variety of qualifications, from the use of machinery in undertaking habitat management to conducting ecological surveys.

For the past four and a half years she has worked for the North Wales arm of the Amphibian and Reptile Conservation (ARC) Trust.

A major part of her role has involved co-ordinating the project to re-introduce the rare natterjack toads into the sand dunes at Talacre.

Mandy brought a selection of slow worms, toads, frogs, and palmate newts to show the students and spoke to them about a number of programmes.



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