

## Greenest Community/Sport Group: Bolton Conservation Volunteers



**GARDENER'S WORLD:** Bolton Conservation Volunteer Trish Calderbank in her garden in Johnson Fold

**BOLTON** Conservation Volunteers has worked tirelessly on projects in the area for more than 30 years and is delighted to have been honoured with the Green Heroes award.

The group has grown to become one of the biggest conservation groups in the country.

The nature lovers are leading the way for Bolton to become greener by turning unattractive land into beauty spots and building new habitats for wildlife.

One of the most recent projects included transforming the garden of member Trish Calderbank into a haven for wildlife.

Fred Lovell and Colin Mather were two of the members who got stuck in and lent a hand.

They have also built a nesting

## Volunteers who put the future of their town first

place at Blackleach Local Nature Reserve in Walkden for the common tern — a native North-west bird.

The group also took part in transforming an area of Moses Gate Country Park, known as the Darcy Lever Gravel Pits, along with other volunteer groups.

The pits were filled with water and volunteers were able to improve drainage, create ponds, improve access and add benches and signposts.

Now they plan to use the

money they won for a new project in Rumworth to protect lapwings.

Rick Parker, chairman of the group, said: "All the members are delighted to have won this award.

"The money will go towards a scheme that will hopefully increase the number of lapwings and help stop this traditional Bolton bird from disappearing completely."

The scheme will involve moving a lot of soil and putting more hedges in.