Pound Coin Money Boxes

You will need:

- Straight branch approx 3in diameter
- One large drill bit slightly larger than a pound coin & One thin drill bit
- Drill Brace to hold bits
- Peeler or penknife
- secateurs
- Paints / crayons to decorate (optional)

What to do:

See Woodcraft Skills Training resources for information on the Drilling Continuum and tool safety

If you keep the branch long until the end, you can use a sawhorse to hold it whilst you saw and drill. If you want to cut the branch to the correct length before drilling you will need a table and clamps to hold it.

Make sure you have a nice clean cut on end of branch to start with.

1. Drill a small hole into the end of the branch about 2cm in from edge.

2. Saw a slice off the end of the branch (at least 1cm thick). This will be the lid of your money box, keep it safe!

3. Drill a large hole into the end of the branch, roughly in the middle, about 6cm deep.

4. Measure the depth of the large hole with a twig, and mark on outside of branch. Saw branch off below this mark.
5. Replace the lid, making sure it is the right way up and the small holes line up. Find a twig slightly thicker than the small hole and use a penknife or peeler to create a firm fit. Push the twig through the hole in the lid and the box to make a hinge. Use secateurs to cut the hinge flush with lid.

6. Once your money box is assembled, use a peeler or penknife to decorate by cutting patterns into the bark.

*Keep for yourself or give as a gift!*

**Notes:**
- A little sandpaper is handy for finishing off
- An easier way to decorate is to remove all bark and use crayons
- This is really popular with teenagers!

**This is a Climate Friendly product**

Home made wooden items like this have a much, much lower carbon footprint than plastic manufactured ones. If you give your coin box as a gift, remember to label it as climate friendly!