

JULY 2018 – NEWSLETTER & WHAT'S ON

The **website** is updated most **Wednesdays** so please check the website for any changes to the following. **Posters** are available via the **Activities Page** on the website. Use the QR Code to access the web page from your mobile phone.



Some Photos from our Current Project Activities

Primary school children involved in the Rewilding project



PROSPECTS & National Insect Week at Ossie Carnival



Hanging Baskets for flying insects with Potty About Herbs



Flowering Bug Hotels – Saturday woodworking

PLEASE TAKE PART IN THE 'IMPROVING HYNDBURN'S WILDLIFE' SURVEY - After several months the *Improving Hyndburn's Wildlife* survey is producing some interesting results. The results so far tell us that Hyndburn people are quite good at providing habitats for wildlife through flowers, trees and bird boxes. We are also very good at feeding birds but people have asked for help in feeding stations for bees, insects, butterflies and not surprisingly hedgehogs.

In the coming months we will be running workshops so people can make their own garden planters, bird and bat boxes, ladybird and bug hotels, hedgehog homes, plant pots of herbs and wildflowers for bees and insects and we will be showing people how to create water feeders, wildflower borders and natural areas for wildlife. There will be demonstrations on how to create a pond and other habitats and PROSPECTS will run visits to woodlands and green spaces that attract a lot of wildlife thanks to good management.

Please use the link below to complete the Survey. You can also pop into PROSPECTS to complete a hard/paper copy.

<http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/0PBOE/>

REWILDING HYNDBURN'S GREEN SPACES PROJECT - Rewilding: Helping to create and enhance habitats for wildlife whilst providing natural resources to encourage organic practices on a range of Hyndburn community food growing sites. Thanks to funding from the Big Lottery Fund the Rewilding project has been extended with new funding from Awards For All starting 1st August 2018 until 31st July 2019. The project **supports groups to improve local food growing sites and existing green spaces for the benefit of people and wildlife** with activities such as planning a site, training in food growing and wildlife gardening, ideas for site activities, undertaking AQA Unit Awards and John Muir Awards, support for events and volunteering. Please contact Julie Livesey at Prospects Foundation for more information.

<http://www.prospectsfoundation.org.uk/projects-current/rewilding-spaces.html>

August 2018 to June 2019 - REWILDING HYNDBURNS GREEN SPACES - If you would like support at a community allotment, open space, community group/centre, school or a place of faith to rewild a green space or for food growing please Contact: Julie Livesey, Rewilding Hyndburn's Green Spaces Coordinator, Tel: 01254 230348 ext: #208 Mobile: 07799 295233.

Email: Julie.livesey@prospectsfoundation.org.uk.



'IMPROVING HYNDBURN'S WILDLIFE' - PROSPECTS is supporting individuals and groups to develop their own spaces for wildlife in their gardens and backyards by running training and activity sessions where residents can learn to identify different species, make bird & bat boxes, garden planters, hedgehog homes and bug hotels etc. whilst picking up tips on habitat management. If you would like to know more about the project, creating wildlife habitats in your garden or backyard and for updates on forthcoming activities, please contact Barbara Sharples at The PROSPECTS Foundation on 01254 230348, email barbara.sharples@prospectsfoundation.org.uk or mobile 07599 106670. Use the QR code on the right to link to the webpage for more information.

<http://www.prospectsfoundation.org.uk/projects-current/hyndburn-wildlife.html>



'CONNECTING PEOPLE TO HYNDBURN'S NATURAL HERITAGE' - The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) project, focuses on Hyndburn's treasured green spaces of Woodnook Vale and Peel Park/The Coppice. The project involves families, volunteers, community groups and schools in protecting, improving and learning about the natural and industrial heritage of these wonderful nature areas; a key aim is also to set up a Volunteer Ranger team which will help to look after the sites.

<HTTP://WWW.PROSPECTSFOUNDATION.ORG.UK/PROJECTS-CURRENT/CONNECTING-PEOPLE.HTML>

If you would like to know more about the project or put yourself on the mailing circulation list for updates on forthcoming activities, please contact Roger Plum at The PROSPECTS Foundation on 01254 230348, email roger.plum@prospectsfoundation.org.uk or mobile 07974 626835



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www.instagram.com/prospectsfoundation/

WALKING – Did you know we have two new walking leaflets for Peel Park and Jackhouse Nature Reserve plus many other walking leaflets available FREE at PROSPECTS! Call in Soon...

WINDFALL FUND. Contact Alison Silver to arrange a meeting to discuss your project and the community benefit Windfall Fund. Alison can also **arrange visits for schools and community groups to the EnergieKontor Wind Farm on Oswaldtwistle Moor.** Year 6 funding is now in place. Community groups requiring funding for their environmental projects can now apply.

The next closing date for Windfall is 12 noon on Friday, 6th July.

Remember, applications for Mini Projects can be made at any time.

Over the last five years 103 projects - 24 Mini Projects, 36 Small projects and 43 Large projects - totalling over £433,000 have been supported.

The Windfall Annual report 2016-2017 - a celebration of the first five years is now available at PROSPECTS or can be viewed on line at <https://tinyurl.com/yce2efj7>



Monday or Tuesday
1:00pm to 4:00pm

MEMBERSHIP

Show your support for PROSPECTS by becoming a member. The PROSPECTS Foundation is Hyndburn's main charity for protecting and enhancing the local natural environment. Our charity exists to raise awareness of environmental issues and to help community groups and local people get involved in conservation work. We've been around since 1998 and have involved hundreds of local people in a range of activities, including tree planting, improving the canal, community food growing, recycling and dry-stone walling. We will be celebrating our 20th Anniversary in 2018! View the Benefits of being a member [HERE](#).

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH – JULY

Regular Activities & Volunteering

<p>Monday, 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th July</p> <p>10:30am to 2:30pm approx.</p>	<p>CONSERVATION VOLUNTEERS – The HLF LNR Conservation Group will be carrying out practical conservation activities on the sites of Woodnook Vale and Peel Park/The Coppice which are the Local Nature Reserves. Volunteers will help us to preserve these special areas whilst learning new skills, discovering the natural heritage on their doorstep, meeting new people and taking in some fresh air and hearty exercise. Wear warm, old clothes and sensible, strong shoes or boots. Bring a packed lunch and waterproof clothing. We provide tools, gloves, materials and hot drinks. Contact Roger Plum if you need transport to the conservation session. The PROSPECTS Foundation has received funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for this exciting project, 'Connecting People to Hyndburn's Natural Heritage', which focuses on Hyndburn's treasured green spaces of Woodnook Vale and Peel Park/The Coppice.</p> <p>Sessions take place at various locations on a Monday & Tuesday Contact Roger Plum if you need the location and/or transport to the conservation session. For more information phone Roger Plum, 01254 230348, 07974 626835 or email roger.plum@prospectsfoundation.org.uk</p>
<p>Tuesday, 10th & 24th July</p> <p>10:00am to 1:00pm approx.</p> <p><i>Drop in for a cuppa to find out more.</i></p>	<p>MAKING BUTTERFLIES - CRAFTS & WILDLIFE drop in session. Why not come along to one of our craft and chatter sessions. We have lots of donated materials and tools you can use to create items. You can bring your own projects such as beads, quilting, ribbons and any other traditional craft projects to work on or explore our library of craft books for inspiration. You can arrive any time after 10:00am and leave at any time up to 1:00pm. Join our friendly team of crafters.</p> <p>Recycled & Upcycled Activities using fabric, beads, paper, card etc.... <i>DROP in for a brew and a chat and to look at our craft books and magazines.</i> No need to Book but these new sessions are becoming very popular.....</p> <p>Email: barbara.sharples@prospectsfoundation.org.uk. Facebook: ProspectsFoundation Twitter: @Prospects1998. Tel: 230348 for more information.</p>
<p>Tuesday, 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st July</p> <p>10:30am to 2:30pm</p>	<p>VOLUNTEER SESSIONS take place at various locations on Tuesday (see also Monday) and we occasionally work on the Lancashire Environmental Fund project for Whinney Hill where volunteers will improve access into, and through the site; encourage greater usage and undertake habitat improvements to enhance the existing flora and fauna. The site is an industrial reclamation site that was landscaped and planted with trees a number of decades ago. Volunteers will be involved in the eradication of Himalayan Balsam, installing new entrance gates, a notice board, bird boxes, benches,</p>

	<p>and way markers. The volunteers will also work at the same locations as the Monday Conservation Group. Contact Roger Plum if you need transport to the practical sessions.</p> <p>For more information phone Roger Plum, 01254 230348, 07974 626835 or email roger.plum@prospectsfoundation.org.uk. Please confirm dates with Roger.</p> <p>Sessions take place at various locations on a Tuesday and may not be at Whinney Hill. Roger will text the meeting point to volunteers in advance.</p>
<p>Friday, 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th July</p> <p>10:00am to 4:30pm approx.</p>	<p>WOODY (Hyndburn's woodland social enterprise). A group of volunteers known as Woody do woodland management activities in various woodlands around the borough. They work at The Coppice, Woodnook Vale & Whinney Hill green space areas. Activities vary each month/season so please contact Mike to find out more about their planned activities. Activities this month are likely to be processing timber and making products from them. Anyone interested must book as volunteers need to wear appropriate PPE and we need to make sure enough tools are available to keep everyone active. Any new helpers are welcome for any amount of time.</p> <p>You will acquire lots of woodland management skills volunteering with Woody and work with a friendly and helpful team of regular volunteers. Bring lunch and wear appropriate outdoor clothing and footwear for the season and predicted weather.</p> <p>Contact Mike Stapleford (Social Enterprise Development): 01254 230348 Ext 205 or e-mail mike.stapleford@prospectsfoundation.org.uk</p> <p>Note: Woody (Hyndburn) C.I.C. is a small social enterprise helping to look after our local woodlands. Products and services are sold to support this work so if you would like to buy any of these natural local products please get in touch.</p>

Special Events, Activities & Workshops

<p>Saturday. 7th July</p>	<p>RISHTON FESTIVAL – the Rishton PROSPECTS Panel will be at the event They will be asking the opinion of local residents on the proposed 'From the Mills to the Tower' artwork project at Rishton train station.</p>
<p>Monday, 9th July 10:00am</p>	<p>*Balsam Pulling with Baxenden Community Forum on Hollins Lane. Contact frankmcvan@gmail.com to help out or to join the Forum</p>
<p>Wednesday, 11th July 2:00pm to 4:00pm approx.</p>	<p>NATURE RESERVES - Heritage Lottery Fund celebration day. The largest Local Nature Reserves in Lancashire are being declared at Peel Park and Woodnook Vale, Accrington. To celebrate the Local Nature Reserve members of the public are invited to come along for a walk around Woodnook Vale starting at Haworth Art Gallery at 2pm. The walk will return to Haworth between 3:30 and 4pm.</p>
<p>Saturday, 14th & 28th July</p> <p>10:00am to 1:00pm (Two Workshops)</p>	<p>BEE Hotel / B&B - five star accommodation for pollinators with Barry, Wood Creations. You will learn basic woodworking skills, paint and varnish the hotel and learn about its value for the bees and pollinators in your backyard or garden. The second session is for people to complete their planter. This activity is part of the People's Postcode Lottery funded Improving Hyndburn's Wildlife project. There are more woodworking workshops from August to December to create habitats and feeders.</p> <p>Email: barbara.sharpley@prospectsfoundation.org.uk. Facebook: ProspectFoundation Twitter: @Prospects1998. Tel: 230348 for more information. BOOKING IN ADVANCE (via email please) IS ESSENTIAL and you must be available to attend both session.</p>
<p>Saturday, 14th July 1:15pm to 3:45pm approx.</p>	<p>CREATIVE CONTAINERS FOR KIDS – Family Activity (ideal for 7-11 years KS1 and the rest of the family) with Lyndsie Snape, Go Potty About Herbs. Attract beneficial insects to your garden and backyard by growing insect friendly PLANTS that smell awesome. Create a container of plants for wildlife. This activity is part of the People's Postcode Lottery funded 'Improving Hyndburn's Wildlife' project.</p> <p>Email: barbara.sharpley@prospectsfoundation.org.uk. Facebook: ProspectFoundation Twitter: @Prospects1998. Tel: 230348 for more information. Book soon as places are limited!</p>
<p>Tuesday, 17th July 2:00pm to 2:30pm</p>	<p>Gardening & Wildlife at Accrington Women's Centre with Julie Livesey. WOMEN'S COMMUNITY COURTYARD – a safe outdoor space where women Cherish, Nourish & Flourish together.... Growing herbs in containers for health, cooking and wildlife. - please Contact: Julie Livesey, Rewilding Hyndburn's Green Spaces Coordinator, Tel: 01254 230348 ext: #208 Mobile: 07799 295233. Email: Julie.livesey@prospectsfoundation.org.uk.</p>

Wednesday, 18th July 10:00am to 1:00p	POND SURVEY Training course with Simon at Whinney Hill. For more information phone Roger Plum, 01254 230348, 07974 626835 or email roger.plum@prospectsfoundation.org.uk . The poster and details will be available at http://www.prospectsfoundation.org.uk/events/activities.html soon.
Friday, 27th July 1:00pm to 4:00pm	BUTTERFLY & WILDFLOWER WALK. Family friendly butterfly and wildflower walk led by the Hyndburn Butterfly Project. Come and join us at the former Huncoat Colliery site off Station Road in Huncoat and take part in the Big Butterfly Count and see how many butterflies you can spot, including the stunning common blue butterfly. We'll also be looking for wildflowers, including wild orchids. All participants will receive a free butterfly-friendly plant to take home and put in their gardens as well as free seeds to create your own butterfly-friendly mini wildflower meadow at home. This activity is part of the People's Postcode Lottery funded Improving Hyndburn's Wildlife project. Email: barbara.sharples@prospectsfoundation.org.uk . Facebook: ProspectsFoundation Twitter: @Prospects1998. Tel: 230348 for more information. Book soon as places are limited! Meet at the entrance opposite Birch Close (BB5 6TY, Grid Reference SD770305/SD769305) and the green bus shelter.

PROSPECTS 20th Anniversary Event
Saturday, 11th AUGUST 2018 10:00am to 4:00pm
Accrington Town Centre on the new event area outside the Town Hall and Market Hall.
Lots of stalls and family activities.

Groups such as Lancashire Wildlife Trust, Ribble Rivers Trust, One Planet, Woody, Mid Pennine Arts, Go Velo, Lancashire County Council amongst others will have stalls on the day.

PROSPECTS Environment Centre, 54, Broadway will also be open.

More details to follow, watch this space!!!



*Photos were taken at the **PROSPECTS Woodland Day** on Sunday, 25 September 2016*

Closing Date
12noon on
Saturday,
11th August

Children's Competition 'IMPROVING HYNDBURN'S WILDLIFE'.
'ART ON THE WILDLIFE SIDE'

More details available on the website
<http://www.prospectsfoundation.org.uk/events/competition.html>.
 Age groups 5-7, 8-10 & 11 – 13.

WINDFALL FUND Case study



Hyndburn Butterfly Project - to create a butterfly wildflower meadow in Milnshaw Park in Church. The aim of this project is to convert a large (800m²) unused area of amenity grassland into a butterfly wildflower meadow. The meadow will consist of flower species suited to urban butterfly species, both as nectaring and larval food plants. The meadow will provide new habitat for urban butterflies whose numbers are in decline and will also brighten up the park, which currently has a minimal amount of flowers, and it will inject life into an unused area of grassland (there are other areas of grass in the park for people to play football etc). The meadow will help to raise awareness of butterfly conservation and can be used as an educational resource for field trips by local schools and the local community.



CHECK UPDATES TO THIS JULY NEWSLETTER [HERE](#) –

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VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

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VISIT <http://www.prospectsfoundation.org.uk/volunteering.html>

Conservation Rangers needed to Connect People to Woodnook Vale and Peel Park/The Coppice

To find out the who, what, when, where and how phone Roger Plum, 01254 230348, 07974 626835 or email roger.plum@prospectsfoundation.org.uk.

<http://www.prospectsfoundation.org.uk/projects-current/connecting-people/rangers.html>

Volunteer Admin Assistant needed for a couple of hours, between 10:00am and 1:00pm, on Tuesday or Wednesday mornings. Tasks involve press cuttings, database entry, window displays and general admin. Please contact Barbara Sharples on 01254 230348. If you have knowledge of social media then this would be useful too.

We would like to thank the following for funding and supporting projects at The PROSPECTS Foundation

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