

JUNE 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

On May Bank Holiday Monday we had a stall at Great Harwood Agricultural Show – two of our young volunteers took part and the Great Harwood Town Crier visited the stall



Session One of Flowering Bug Hotels with Barry, Wood Creations. Working in the sunshine at Oak Hill Park



Creating herb pots for creepy crawlie minibeasts with Potty About Herbs



Julia's garden planter ready for some bug-friendly plants



Photography Walk



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Sketching day at Platts Lodge



PLEASE TAKE PART IN THE 'IMPROVING HYNDBURN'S WILDLIFE' SURVEY - After only one month 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 compete 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. Project extended to June 2018

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

August 2017 to June 2018 - 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.PROSPECTSFUNDATION.ORG.UK/PROJECTS-CURRENT/CONNECTING-PEOPLE.HTML](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.

Monday or Tuesday

1:00pm to 4:00pm

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.

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 – JUNE

Regular Activities & Volunteering

Friday, 1st, 8th,
15th, 22nd and 29th
June

10:00am to
4:30pm approx.

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.

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.

Contact **Mike Stapleford (Social Enterprise Development)**: 01254 230348 Ext 205 or e-mail mike.stapleford@prospectsfoundation.org.uk

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.

Monday, 4th, 11th,
18th and 25th June

10:30am to
2:30pm approx.

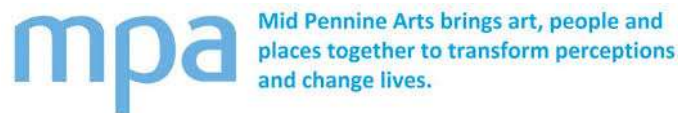
CONSERVATION VOLUNTEERS – The HLF LNR Conservation Group will be carrying out practical conservation activities on the sites of Woodnook Vale and Peel Park/The Coppice which are the Local Nature Reserves. Volunteers will help us to preserve these special areas whilst learning new skills, discovering 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.

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

MORE FOLLOWS...

<p>Tuesday, 26th June 10:00am to 1:00pm approx.</p> <p><i>Drop in for a cuppa to find out more.</i></p>	<p>CRAFTS @ PROSPECTS 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..... NOTE: 5th June Wildlife Activity</p> <p>Email: barbara.sharples@prospectsfoundation.org.uk. Facebook: ProspectFoundation Twitter: @Prospects1998. Tel: 230348 for more information.</p>
<p>Tuesday, 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th June</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, 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><i>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.</i></p>
<h2 style="color: red;">Special Events, Activities & Workshops</h2>	
<p>Saturday, 2nd & 30th June</p> <p>10:00am to 1:00pm (Two Workshops)</p>	<p>MAKING A BUTTERFLY BIOME for summer and winter use as a feeder and habitat with Barry, Wood Creations. You will learn basic woodworking skills, paint and varnish the biome and learn about its value for the butterflies 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 two more workshops in July to create a Bee hotel/B&B to bring pollinating bees into your garden and then more woodworking workshops to create habitats and feeders will run until December. Email: barbara.sharples@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>Tuesday, 5th June</p> <p>10:00am to 1:00pm approx.</p>	<p>HANGING BASKETS FOR FLYING INSECTS with Lyndsie Snape, Go Potty About Herbs. Attract beneficial insects to your garden and backyard by growing insect friendly PLANTS. - Create a container of plants for flying insects for the wildlife garden. The insects will attract nocturnal visitors such as bats to your garden and backyard! This activity is part of the People's Postcode Lottery funded 'Improving Hyndburn's Wildlife' project.</p> <p>Email: barbara.sharples@prospectsfoundation.org.uk. Facebook: ProspectFoundation Twitter: @Prospects1998. Tel: 230348 for more information. No places left!</p>
<p>Wednesday, 6th June</p> <p>10:00am</p>	<p>*Planting Up Planters with Baxenden Community Forum on Hollins Lane. Contact frankmcvan@gmail.com to help out or to join the Forum</p>
<p>Wednesday, 13th, 20th & 27th June</p> <p>10:00am to 4:00pm</p>	<p>*DRY STONE WALLING – Taster Days. Learn a heritage skill with guidance from a Dry Stone Walling Association Master Craftsman. The location is Hill Street, Baxenden. Sessions are FREE. Pre-booking is essential via Hyndburn Borough Council. Wear strong boots with steel toes, work clothes including water proofs. Bring a packed lunch and refreshments each day. Minimum age 18. Contact Anne Hourican, Hyndburn Borough Council, Scaitcliffe House, Ormerod St, Accrington, BB5 0PF Or email to anne.hourican@hyndburnbc.gov.uk For further information please email or ring 01254 380156 Limited places – book early to avoid disappointment.</p>
	<p>More follows...</p>

Thursday, 14th June 19:00 to 21:00	EVENING WALK with PROSPECTS and RIBBLE RIVERS TRUST to Slate Pits. We will look at the rivers and lodges on The Coppice and the work being done by Ribble Rivers at Slate Pits Farm. The walk will look at the wildlife and water features of the sites. From Arden Hall Gates, top of Plantation Road, Accrington BB5 2DQ Grid Ref: SD769286. Distance: 4-5miles. For more information phone Roger Plum, 01254 230348, 07974 626835 or email roger.plum@prospectsfoundation.org.uk .
Wednesday, 20th June 09:30 to 16:00	RIVERFLY TRAINING with RIBBLE RIVERS TRUST. These one day workshops give volunteers the advice and training required in order to safely and effectively help to monitor river health. Topics covered include how the scheme works, health and safety and in depth information about the life cycle and ecology of our target species: the up-winged flies, caddisflies or sedges, stoneflies and freshwater shrimp (Ephemeroptera, Trichoptera, Plecoptera, and Gammarus). The Training Centre, Oak Hill Park, 113 Manchester Rd, Accrington BB5 2NY and Woodnook Water. For more information phone Roger Plum, 01254 230348, 07974 626835 or email roger.plum@prospectsfoundation.org.uk . Limited places – book early to avoid disappointment.
Sunday, 24th June All day	MEET PROSPECTS @ Ossie Carnival – we are having a stall and there will be activities for children. Part of <i>Improving Hyndburn's Wildlife</i> project. Volunteers needed to help on the stall please.
Saturday, 30th June 13:00 to 15:00	Family Activity - Improving Hyndburn's Wildlife. More details available on the website. Volunteers needed to help please.



The Nature & Photography Walks and Sketching/Painting sessions are run in association with Mid Pennine Arts

The East Lancashire Strategic Cycleway network (NCN6) is made possible by government funding and is led by our partners at Lancashire County Council. **Mid Pennine Arts under their 'Scenic Route' programme** is working with **PROSPECTS** and local communities on raising awareness of the cycleway project and its benefits, asking for ideas for features along the routes, and possible future links. This includes 'Explorer Days' where visitors can enjoy free art activities. A competition to rename National Cycle Route 6 has also been launched. Please visit Mid Pennine Arts website for details on the work that has taken place so far and further planned events for the rest of 2017.

More information @ <http://midpenninearts.org.uk/programmes/scenic-route/>

WINDFALL FUND Case study

The Lancashire Wildlife Trust has just been successful in securing a Windfall grant towards extending their Plan Bee project into Hyndburn. The Plan Bee project seeks to increase knowledge in and awareness of a wide range of pollinators in Lancashire Wildlife Trust's area. The project will undertake volunteer led surveys of pollinators including solitary bees, bumblebees, hoverflies, sawflies and butterflies in upland areas of Hyndburn around Accrington, Baxenden and Oswaldtwistle Moor. The survey data collected will be fed into ongoing national surveys and will also help to inform management recommendations for landowners.

The Project Officer, Ben Hargreaves, is looking for volunteers to help with the survey work from the beginning of May onwards. If anyone is interested then please get in touch! **June 16th / 17th - Areas around Oswaldtwistle Moor and Priestley Clough** (higher ground in west of Hyndburn). **July 14th / 15th & 28th / 29th - Areas around Hameldon / Baxenden** (higher ground in east of Hyndburn). Ben Hargreaves, Lancashire Wildlife Trust, The Barn, Preston, PR5 6BY. Telephone 01772 318379 / 07740501304.



The pictures show Ben Hargreaves discussing the value of insects to food growing during an insect hunt which was part of the Rewilding Hyndburn's Green Spaces project in 2017



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

<http://www.prospectsfoundation.org.uk/events/activities.html>

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Contact PROSPECTS to find out about Outdoor Volunteering Opportunities to learn new skills, experience practical activity sessions and gain knowledge through training and certificated courses and to become a Conservation Ranger

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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