PROSPECTS Window – In January and February we are displaying handmade feeders and habitats made by attendees at events, Woody items for sale, RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch, BBC WinterWatch, BTO National Nestbox Week and Fairtrade Fortnight. Pop along to chat to staff and find out more about PROSPECTS and our projects. 

We are OPEN Monday to Friday 10:00am to 4:00pm.

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.

‘CONNECTING PEOPLE TO HYNDBURN’S NATURAL HERITAGE’ with ROGER PLUM funded by HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND

THIS PROJECT ENDED ON 31ST JANUARY 2019

The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) project, focused on Hyndburn’s green spaces of Woodnook Vale and Peel Park/The Coppice. The project’s main aim was to get these two areas designated as Local Nature Reserves. The project has now ended and the two areas have been designated and they are the two largest Local Nature Reserves in Lancashire. The project has involved families, volunteers, community groups and schools in protecting, improving and learning about the natural and industrial heritage of these wonderful nature areas.

A leaflet has been produced for the sites and two films have also been produced which are available on Hyndburn Council and The PROSPECTS Foundation websites. The leaflet is available from PROSPECTS and on our website as a pdf file.

Roger Plum, Project Officer for Prospects would like to thank all those involved in the project for their help and if you have any questions please contact him at The PROSPECTS Foundation on 01254 230348, email roger.plum@prospectsfoundation.org.uk or mobile 07974 626835

‘CONNECTING PEOPLE TO HYNDBURN’S NATURAL HERITAGE’ - Videos & Leaflet

As the Crow Flies - https://www.hyndburnbc.gov.uk/as-the-crow-flies-video-2018/

Hyndburn's Local Nature Reserves - https://youtu.be/OW3kiX1c2kI

Exploring Peel Park and Woodnook Vale Local Nature Reserves leaflet https://tinyurl.com/yckgal7b

A few photos from the project are featured on the next page
The project was about inspiring people to develop and improve their own spaces to create habitats for wildlife, engaging with people to provide food for wildlife and informing the wider general public about the decline in wildlife and how they can help to Improve Hyndburn’s Wildlife.

We have been able to make a difference by engaging with the community and providing them with knowledge, skills and opportunities to help Improve Hyndburn’s Wildlife by taking simple measures and doing things in their own gardens, backyards, allotments, at community venue outdoor spaces and school grounds. We engaged with more than 230 people. From the initial survey it was evident that people wanted to be able to provide habitats for hedgehogs, bats, butterflies, birds, amphibians and minibeasts (bugs and insects) so we offered woodwork workshops to give people the skills to build habitats and feeders.

The key changes were the increase in local knowledge about wildlife decline, how to help species survive and a take-up in activities and events to help contribute to improving the availability of habitats and food in their own gardens, backyards and outdoor spaces. We concentrated on habitats and food such as wildflower seeds, nectar producing plants and pollinators and how to feed birds and mammals correctly so that the project is extended into winter 2018 and spring, summer and autumn 2019. The wooden habitats will continue to provide places for wildlife to flourish and provide longer-term benefits for years to come and wildlife will now be provided with the correct food to help them thrive.

The following photos show the activities held during the last month of the Postcode Local Trust funded Improving Hyndburn’s Wildlife project.
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Saturday woodworkers creating Ladybird Houses

Broadfield Specialist School making bird food for RSPB Big School Bird Watch

St Andrew’s School RotaKids making bird boxes, a double chambered Kent-style bat box and a Hog House for hedgehogs with Church & Oswaldtwistle Rotary Club

Church & Oswaldtwistle Rotary Club & PROSPECTS installing habitats at the railway station

‘IMPROVING HYNDBURN’S WILDLIFE’ CELEBRATION

On Tuesday 26th February at 10:30am we will be presenting prizes and certificates to participants in the Improving Hyndburn’s Wildlife project. Watch out for an email invitation!

For more information email: Barbara.sharples@prospectsfoundation.org.uk

WINDFALL FUND PROJECT

Recovered polytunnel at Gatty Park for Community Solutions North West
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 and The Windfall 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.


REWILDING HYNDBURN’S GREEN SPACES PROJECT
August 2018 to July 2019 - REWILDING HYNDBURN’S 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.

REWILDING HYNDBURN’S GREEN SPACES

Mt Pleasant Primary School, CPD workshop with staff to learn how to prune and weave in their living willow tunnel in their wildlife garden Jan 2019

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 7 funding is now in place. Community groups requiring funding for their environmental projects can now apply.

Windfall - Has held 24 funding rounds and awarded £520,000 to 119 projects.

The next closing date is Friday 1st March 2019 at 12 noon
‘Closing dates for Year 7 funding are available now. Check the website for updates.’

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

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

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 21st Anniversary in 2019! View the Benefits of being a member HERE.
**WHAT’S ON IN – FEBRUARY 2019**

### Funding Information

**Mondays and Tuesdays, February 1:00pm to 4:00pm**

**Come along and meet Alison** to discuss your project and the community benefit Windfall Fund grants. Alison can also arrange visits for schools and community groups to the EnergieKontor Wind Farm on Oswaldtwistle Moor.

### Regular Volunteering & Activities

**Friday 1st, 8th and 15th & 22nd February 2019 10:00am to 4:00pm 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 thinning trees at Whinney Hill Road.

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 & 25th February Tuesday 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th February 10:30am to 2:30pm approx.**

**CONSERVATION VOLUNTEERS** – The Conservation Group will be carrying out practical conservation activities on various sites in Hyndburn. 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. You provide Roger with a mobile number and he will text the details of the tasks and the meeting point in advance.

**Sessions take place at various locations** on a Monday & Tuesday Contact Roger Plum if you need the location for the conservation session. For more information phone Roger Plum, 01254 230348, 07974 626835 or email roger.plum@prospectsfoundation.org.uk

**Tuesday, 5th February 10:00am to 12oon**

**GARDENING CLUB** – Accrington Women’s Centre Gardening Club is a small friendly group that meet for a chat and a brew and to have a go at growing their own food and plants for the home, a garden or on a windowsill. Learn **how to grow vegetables in pots, flowers to feed butterflies and herbs for cooking**. They meet on the first Tuesday of every month at the Lancashire Women’s Centre, 21-23 Blackburn Road, Accrington BB5 1LF. For more information or a chat please contact Julie on 07799 295233 or email Julie.livesey@prospectsfoundation.org.uk

**Monday 18th Feb 2019 10:00am to 12noon**

**FAMILY WORKSHOP AT GROWING WILD** - Fancy getting out in the fresh air and helping at Growing Wild Community Allotment in Baxenden prune the willow tunnel and make a new willow structure? All welcome, please bring wellies/boots and waterproofs. Under age 16 accompanied by an adult please **Contact for more information**: Julie Livesey, Rewilding Hyndburn’s Green Spaces Coordinator, Tel: 01254 230348 ext: #208 Mobile: 07799 295233 Email: Julie.livesey@prospectsfoundation.org.uk
As part of our Sustainable Transport theme PROSPECTS is encouraging people to get out and walk and cycle. **CYCLING** – for those aged 16*. We will be organising cycle maintenance, cycling ability and cycle rides in partnership with Connecting East Lancashire. Connecting East Lancashire is a ‘smarter travel choices’ campaign to encourage healthier, greener ways of travelling including cycling, walking, car sharing and public transport. [www.connectingeastlancashire.org.uk](http://www.connectingeastlancashire.org.uk)

‘watch this space for cycling events’ - The Accy Bike Fest is on Sunday the 7\(^{th}\) of April – more details in the next issue.

**WALKING** - PROSPECTS will be organising and leading walks around the borough so check the website [http://www.prospectsfoundation.org.uk/events/activities.html](http://www.prospectsfoundation.org.uk/events/activities.html) for up-to-date information. The walks will be ‘Walk on Wednesdays’ and be theme led ID bursting buds, trees, spring bulbs, photography etc.

**CAN YOU HELP?**

**CANAL TOW PATH** - Some of the Leeds/Liverpool Canal tow path on the Hyndburn section may have issues for cyclists and walkers. The canal enters Hyndburn at Whitebirk and leaves near Altham and Hapton to enter Burnley. If you are cycling or walking and experience obstructions, poor surface, pot holes etc. then please can you complete the Report Form which can be downloaded from [http://www.prospectsfoundation.org.uk/events/cycling.html](http://www.prospectsfoundation.org.uk/events/cycling.html) and return to PROSPECTS or email barbara.sharples@prospectsfoundation.org.uk. The Report Forms will then be submitted to the Canal & River Trust so they can consider the reports and if needed put the work on their repair schedule. Volunteers to help will be needed!

**Wellbeing Walk – Leeds/Liverpool Canal Hyndburn – 17 February, 10:00am**
Organised by the Canal & River Trust the walk is led by Michael Counter, Ramblers Association. Meet on Spring Street, just off High Street, Rishton BB1 4LL. The walk is six miles. Please wear suitable clothing and sturdy footwear. You may also like to bring a packed lunch. The poster is available at xx. This is NOT a PROSPECTS event but Barbara Sharples, Activity Organiser at PROSPECTS will be joining the walk so please come along. [View the poster here](https://tinyurl.com/ycj54yan)

**National Nest Box Week – Thursday 14\(^{th}\) to Thursday 21\(^{st}\) February**
National NestBox Week is an established part of the ornithological calendar. Running for a week from 14 February each year, National Nest Box Week provides a welcome focus on nesting birds and encourages everyone to put up nest boxes in their local area in order to support the conservation of our breeding birds. National Nest Box Week was established and developed by BTO and Britain’s leading birdcare specialist Jacobi Jayne. It takes place at a time when tradition has it that small birds pair up ahead of the breeding season. [https://www.bto.org/support-us/appeals/national-nest-box-week](https://www.bto.org/support-us/appeals/national-nest-box-week)

**Fairtrade Fortnight 2019 – Monday 25\(^{th}\) February to Sunday 10\(^{th}\) March**
Fairtrade Fortnight is back in 2019. It’s the most important time of the year for us all to celebrate our Fairtrade achievements and our commitment to making trade fair. For two weeks each year, thousands of individuals, companies and groups across the UK come together to celebrate the people who grow our food, people who live in some of the poorest countries in the world and who are often exploited and badly paid. This year we are focusing on the people – in particular the women – who grow the cocoa in the chocolate we love so much. [http://www.fairtrade.org.uk/en/get-involved/current-campaigns/Fairtrade-Fortnight](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk/en/get-involved/current-campaigns/Fairtrade-Fortnight)
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