**PROSPECTS Window** – In JUNE we are displaying an Allotment Family Work Party, Discover Hyndburn Walks, Explore Hyndburn Cycling Activities, a Gardening Club, Peel Park & Woodnook Vale Local Nature Reserves, Bike Week, Volunteering Opportunities and Woody.

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.*

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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.

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**NEW ANNUAL REPORTS**

The PROSPECTS Foundation Annual Report for 2018-2019 can be read or downloaded [HERE](#).

The WINDFALL FUND Annual Report for 2017-2018 can be read or downloaded [HERE](#).

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**PROSPECTS 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](#).
INK TONER AND CARTRIDGE RECYCLING SCHEME

PROSPECTS has started an ink toner and cartridge recycling scheme. Please drop off your empty toner and ink cartridges in our collection box at the PROSPECTS Environment Centre in the centre of Accrington and we will ensure they are processed and recycled in the UK according to all current environmental waste regulations.

The cartridges will be recorded and sorted according to brand and re-usability. Reusable cartridges will be re-manufactured and reused. Non-reusable cartridges will be broken down and separated into raw materials such as plastic, metals and toner then re-used in other industries.

So what are you waiting for - drop off your used ink toners and cartridges now - if not disposed of in this way one cartridge can take 1,000 years to decompose.

PHOTOGRAPHS FROM PROSPECTS ACTIVITIES HELD DURING MAY 2019

Barbara has been test riding some electric bikes which will be available at PROSPECTS from 3rd June thanks to an Access Fund grant from Lancashire County Council.

Hyndburn Volunteer Workparty – PROSPECTS with the Canal & River Trust
L – Colin from Rishton PROSPECTS Panel with the overgrown shrubs
R – Volunteers in action

Discover Hyndburn Walks –
R - Jackhouse Nature Reserve
L – Rothwell Heights, Bedlam, Green Haworth and Hollins Wood
**HAD A WINDFALL GRANT? PLEASE LET US HAVE PHOTOGRAPHS OF YOUR WINDFALL FUNDED PROJECTS FOR THE JULY EDITION**

**PROSPECTS 21ST ANNIVERSARY EVENT**

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY – 7TH SEPTEMBER 2019**

**LOTS OF STALLS AND ACTIVITIES PROMOTING OUR SIX THEMES**

**TO BE HELD ON THE NEW ACCRINGTON TOWN SQUARE**

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**Activities and courses with Go Velo available via PROSPECTS during Bike Week.**

Bike Week, delivered by Cycling UK, is an annual celebration to showcase cycling. More info in the What’s On section...

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**Love To Ride**

Encouragement is at the core of Bike Week, we want you to invite colleagues, friends and family to take part.

Individuals only have to ride for 10 minutes anytime, anywhere to go into the draw for prizes. It doesn’t matter if they’ve not been on a bike for years or if they ride every day. It will literally only take them a minute to register at lovetoride.net/lancashire

*Take a peek at our website it has loads of cycling info on it and lists the prizes that everyone can win.*
FUNDING INFORMATION

Mondays and Tuesdays in May
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.

WINDFALL FUNDED PROJECTS

Windfall Fund Update

It is exactly six years since the Windfall Fund was launched and so far 128 projects have been funded - made up of 53 large grants, 40 small grants and 35 mini grants and totalling over £535,000. 25 funding rounds have been held and in the last round, held in March, 3 new projects were funded - Hyndburn Arts Ltd for pollinator friendly planters in Oswaldtwistle, Friends of Arden Hall & The Coppice for a new pedestrian entrance (and associated planting) to the Local Nature Reserve and The PROSPECTS Foundation for a contribution towards a new Hyndburn woodland project.

In terms of PROSPECTS six Themes of Sustainability the grants have been awarded as follows - Improving Biodiversity - 41; Local Food - 37; Energy Efficiency - 10; Raising Environmental Awareness - 26; Sustainable Transport - 7; Waste & Recycling - 7.

In March we also hosted a visit to the wind farm for the pupils and parents of Peel Park Primary School, Accrington where they found out lots of interesting facts and figures - see photo attached.

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.

The next closing date is Friday 5th July 2019 at 12 noon
Check the website for updates.

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

The Windfall Annual report 2017-2018 – a celebration of the first six years is now available at PROSPECTS or can be viewed online at https://tinyurl.com/y4qu4otk
HYNDBURN WOODLAND PROJECT

We are pleased to announce that we have received a National Lottery Heritage Fund grant for an exciting three year woodland project. The project will involve the surveying and management of eight Lancashire County Council woodlands in Hyndburn.

Along with this the project will also be mapping all woodlands in Hyndburn and surveying at least 10% of these to develop a database of information which will be made available through a new Hyndburn Woodland Website.

The project will have a range of volunteering opportunities in both practical management and surveying and mapping work.

There will also be a comprehensive training programme in woodland management, woodland crafts and identifying and surveying skills along with public events including walks, cycle rides and events. You can become a regular volunteer, train up to be a woodland surveyor or just come along to individual events and activities.

Details will be available through our mailing list so please sign up if you haven’t already or contact Roger Plum at roger.plum@prospectsfoundation.org.uk or on 01254 230348 to find out more.

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 Awards for All and The Windfall Fund the Rewilding project has been extended until 31st August 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.

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.
Think Global – Act Local

For those that took part in the PROSPECTS Improving Hyndburn’s Wildlife Project in 2018 and those involved in the current Rewilding project this is an ideal opportunity to continue your wildlife conservation activities and to contribute to a Nationwide Survey and put Hyndburn on the wildlife habitat map by recording the wildlife in your gardens, backyards, allotments, community and green spaces.

If you have not engaged with PROSPECTS Biodiversity projects please see the What’s On for more activities and get involved in GardenWatch above.

BBC Two’s Springwatch launches Gardenwatch, the nation's biggest ever garden audit

What is the Gardenwatch project about?

Gardens provide a critical refuge for UK wildlife and conservationists say it's vital that gardens are surveyed in order to discover what species live there and what needs to be done to protect them and encourage more wildlife in the future. Essentially, the collected data will help to map the health of the UK’s wildlife up and down the country.

This is what you need to do...

All you have to do is collect as much information as you can in a simple nature-related quest every week. It can be based on wildlife in any outdoor space you use regularly, including a balcony, shared garden, allotment or a nearby park, and anyone can take part, no matter where you live. The project is designed in partnership with the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO), and the Gardenwatch survey will sit on The Open University’s nQuire site.

GARDENWATCH SURVEY

‘Gardenwatch is so important – gardens are an area that we can exert total control over, and therefore we can play the garden wardens in our own back yard, so we can really make a difference by attracting wildlife to it which leaves a great feeling of empowerment, especially as gardens across the UK make up an area the size of Suffolk,’ said Springwatch presenter Chris Packham.

Beyond the Backdoor

What are your garden’s defining features?

https://nquire.org.uk/mission/beyond-the-backdoor/contribute
VOLUNTEERING WITH PROSPECTS

Make A Difference to Hyndburn’s Woodlands & open spaces

Become a PROSPECTS Volunteer

- Help us to care for The Coppice, Woodnook Vale, Peel Park, Rothwell Heights, Whinney Hill and other areas of Hyndburn
- Learn new skills
- Make new friends
- FREE weekly exercise in the fresh air
- Tools, gloves, materials & hot drinks provided
- Contact PROSPECTS for more information about conservation volunteering

What? Various Tasks
when? Monday or Tuesday
where? Contact Roger
what time? 10.30 to 2.30

Wear warm, old clothes & strong sensible shoes or boots. Bring a Packed lunch & waterproof clothing.

Contact: Roger Plum
Tel: 01254 230348 etc 207
Mobile: 07974 626835
E: roger.plum@prospectsfoundation.org.uk
W: www.prospectsfoundation.org.uk
# WHAT’S ON IN – JUNE 2019

## Volunteering & Activities

### VOLUNTEERING

Contact Roger Plum for details of Practical Conservation Volunteering at PROSPECTS and Mike Stapleford to Volunteer with Woody CIC. Contact details are in the What’s On below.

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<td><strong>Monday, 3rd, 10th, 17th &amp; 24th June</strong></td>
<td><strong>CONSERVATION VOLUNTEERS</strong> – The Conservation Group will be carrying out practical conservation activities on various sites in Hyndburn including the eight Lancashire County Council woodlands 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. Volunteer activities will also take place at Sessions take place at various locations on a Monday &amp; 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 <a href="mailto:roger.plum@prospectsfoundation.org.uk">roger.plum@prospectsfoundation.org.uk</a></td>
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<td><strong>Tuesday, 4th, 11th, 18th &amp; 25th June</strong></td>
<td><strong>DISCOVER RIVER CALDER AND MARTHOLME VIADUCT</strong> - This amble not a ramble will start at The Memorial, Church Lane, Great Harwood BB6 7PU. Grid Ref SD734329. A circular walk on field footpaths through farmland, on hard tracks and some lanes. We will visit the old railway line and Martholme Viaduct where we will have excellent views and time for a chat and to relax. This walk is not suitable for prams or trampers due to steps and stiles. People should meet at 0950 for a PROMPT 10:00am start. Dogs are welcome on a lead. Only one dog per walker though! Please wear suitable clothing and footwear for the weather and this rural walk and bring along a drink of water. The walks is for approximately two hours and the distance will vary according to the speed of the walkers on the day. For more information email <a href="mailto:barbara.sharples@prospectsfoundation.org.uk">barbara.sharples@prospectsfoundation.org.uk</a> Contact mobile 07599 106670.</td>
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<td><strong>Tuesday, 4th June 2019</strong></td>
<td><strong>GARDENING CLUB</strong> – 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. Companion planting and making your own plants feeds. 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 <a href="mailto:Julie.livesey@prospectsfoundation.org.uk">Julie.livesey@prospectsfoundation.org.uk</a></td>
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<td><strong>Wednesday, 5th June</strong></td>
<td><strong>HYNDBURN VOLUNTEER WORKPARTY with PROSPECTS &amp; The Canal and River Trust.</strong> Would you like to meet new people, enjoy some healthy exercise in the great outdoors and make a difference to your local canal? Our new Hyndburn Volunteer Work Party could just be the thing you are looking for. Join PROSPECTS as we collaborate with the Canal &amp; River Trust to improve the towpaths through Hyndburn. The June workparty will take place alongside the Leeds/Liverpool Canal at Rishton Bridge No 108A, Hermitage Street, Rishton opposite the Canal Café. Volunteers are needed. Tasks may include: Litter-clearance, towpath repairs, vegetation management, planting up a cleared bed plus much more.... Wear suitable clothing and footwear. All tools, hi Vis and life-jackets will be provided. For enquiries please contact: Gary Wilkinson, Email: <a href="mailto:gary.wilkinson@canalrivertrust.org.uk">gary.wilkinson@canalrivertrust.org.uk</a> Tel: 07483 341954</td>
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<td><strong>Friday 7th, 14th, 21st &amp; 28th June</strong>&lt;br&gt;10:00am to 4:00pm approx.</td>
<td><strong>WOODY</strong> (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 &amp; Whinney Hill green space areas. Activities vary each month/season so please contact Mike to find out more about their planned activities. As we’re into May we’ve finished felling so we'll be working with the wood instead, making things like bird boxes, planking, extracting timber, installing benches etc. 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 <a href="mailto:mike.stapleford@prospectsfoundation.org.uk">mike.stapleford@prospectsfoundation.org.uk</a>. <strong>Note:</strong> 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.</td>
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<td><strong>Tuesday, 11th June</strong>&lt;br&gt;9:30am – 11:30am</td>
<td><strong>BEGINNERS CYCLING LEVEL 1 - Get Cycling</strong> For those who want to learn to ride a bike or are returning to cycling after a period away. A Level 1 course is for those who are not very confident about their cycling abilities. The Level 1 course is delivered in a safe traffic free environment. Pick up the skills and knowledge you need to go down to the local park, or to take a trip out into the countryside. We are able to provide bicycles so not having a bike doesn’t have to be an obstacle! Please check for bike availability when you book. This course is fully funded by Connecting East Lancashire / Lancashire County Council and available to adults living, working, studying or volunteering in East Lancashire Hyndburn District who are aged 16 and above. <strong>How to Book</strong> – You must book on this course. Places are limited so please book early. For more information, TO BOOK, and venue details (Oak Hill Park, Accrington) email: <a href="mailto:barbara.sharples@prospectsfoundation.org.uk">barbara.sharples@prospectsfoundation.org.uk</a>. Information and directions to the venue will be supplied to people who book on the course. You MUST be 16 years old or above and should not have taken this course before.</td>
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<td><strong>Tuesday 11th June</strong>&lt;br&gt;18:00—18:30</td>
<td><strong>NATURE MEDITATION WALK</strong> - Gentle walk through Woodnook Vale incorporating forest bathing, Qi Gong exercises and standing meditation. Meet at Royds Street entrance to Woodnook Vale, BB5 2LH. Please wear appropriate footwear. Under 18s must be accompanied by an adult. Phone 07729 097230 for more information. This is an external event supported by PROSPECTS.</td>
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<td><strong>Wednesday, 12th June</strong>&lt;br&gt;18:00 to 20:00</td>
<td><strong>CYCLING - GAINING CONFIDENCE LEVEL 2 – Improver’s Cycling</strong> For those who want to develop their confidence on a bike particularly in on-road scenarios. This session is aimed at giving people the opportunity to cycle on-road (Level 2 skills) in a relaxed and enjoyable group environment. If you wish to join the on-road Level 2 course you must either have completed Level 1 training or be confident you already have Level 1 skills. We do check this before going out on the roads! If you are unsure of your level, check the National Standards for Cycle Training syllabus at <a href="http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-standard-for-cycle-training">www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-standard-for-cycle-training</a>. We are able to provide bicycles so not having a bike doesn’t have to be an obstacle! Please check for bike availability when you book. This course is fully funded by Connecting East Lancashire / Lancashire County Council and available to adults living, working, studying or volunteering in East Lancashire Hyndburn District who are aged 16 and above. <strong>How to Book</strong> – You must book on this course. Places are limited so please book early. For more information, TO BOOK, and venue details (Oak Hill Park, Accrington) email: <a href="mailto:barbara.sharples@prospectsfoundation.org.uk">barbara.sharples@prospectsfoundation.org.uk</a>. Information and directions to the venue will be supplied to people who book on the course. You MUST be 16 years old or above and should not have taken this course before.</td>
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**Thursday, 13th June**

9:30am to 11:30am

**BASIC CYCLE MAINTENANCE** at Oak Hill Park, in Accrington - FREE Basic Bike Maintenance covering: M- Check; Identifying wear and tear on a bike; How to mend a puncture; Adjusting brake blocks / levers; Gear indexing; Cleaning and lubrication of bike parts; Time for questions. Great course to help you gain confidence to make minor adjustments whilst out on your bike. Bring a bike and any tools you may wish to use, however all equipment is provided. This course is fully funded by Connecting East Lancashire / Lancashire County Council and available to adults living, working, studying or volunteering in East Lancashire Hyndburn District who are aged 16 and above.

**How to Book** – You must book on this course. Places are limited so please book early. For more information, TO BOOK, and venue in Accrington email: barbara.sharples@prospectsfoundation.org.uk. Information and directions to the venue will be supplied to people who book on the course. You MUST be 16 years old or above and should not have taken this course before.

**Friday, 14th June 2019**

0930: to 11:30 approx

Arrive 0915 please

**ADULT CYCLE RIDE - Tesco to Tesco** - Gain confidence and learn skills to cycle on traffic-free multi user paths and the canal towpath. The route is from Tesco Accrington to Tesco Great Harwood via the cycle way to Church, Hyndburn Greenway to the canal, canal to Tottleworth Bridge, Rishton and cycle path Rishton to Great Harwood Tesco. There will a rest stop at the Canal Café in Rishton. A qualified instructor from Go Velo will lead the ride. Mostly flat some slight inclines.

**How to Book** – You must book on this course. Places are limited so please book early. For more information, and TO BOOK, email: barbara.sharples@prospectsfoundation.org.uk. Information and directions to the venue will be supplied to people who book on the course. You MUST be 16 years old or above.

**Wednesday, 19th June 2019**

10:00am to 12noon

Arrive 0950 please

**DISCOVER PEEL PARK NATURE RESERVE, ARDEN HALL & THE COPPICE.** A figure of eight walk on paths and informal paths passing ruins, lodges, ponds and streams. Excellent views, a local nature reserve and wildlife habitats, This walk will be taken at a leisurely pace to enable walkers to discover the area and with time for a chat and to relax. This amble not a ramble will meet at Peel Park, Avenue Parade entrance, Accrington BB5 6NQ (Grid Ref SD768290) at 09:50 for a 10:00am start. Dogs are welcome but must be kept on a lead. Only one dog per walker though! Please wear suitable clothing and footwear for the weather and a rural walk and bring along a drink of water. There is no parking at the start so please use local street parking. The walks is for two hours and the distance will vary according to the speed of the walkers on the day. For more information email barbara.sharples@prospectsfoundation.org.uk Contact mobile 07599 106670.

**Wednesday, 19th June 2019**

18:00 to 20:30

**HYNDBURN CYCLE FORUM** – on the Agenda will be cycling courses, bike lockers, employers and facilities for employees cycling to work (secure bike storage etc.), the new electric bikes in Hyndburn, Pedal Away Hyndburn, Local Cycling and Walking infrastructure, cycling on the Leeds-Liverpool canal towpath. Contact barbara.sharples@prospectsfoundation.org.uk Contact mobile 07599 106670 if you wish to attend and/or items you would like included on the Agenda.

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**Next Month – Dates for your Diary**

**July**

**TWO MORE ‘DISCOVER HYNDBURN’ WALKS** are planned

**July**

**MORE CYCLING ACTIVITIES – POSSIBLY SOME LADIES ONLY AND ELECTRIC BIKE RIDES**

**Weds, 3rd July**

**HYNDBURN VOLUNTEER WORKPARTY** with PROSPECTS & The Canal and River Trust. More towpath improvement work.
We would like to thank the following for funding and supporting projects at The PROSPECTS Foundation

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Friday 5th July
12 noon

Closing date for the Windfall Fund
Check the website for updates, grant information, grant application forms and more information.
http://www.prospectsfoundation.org.uk/windfall.html

19 July - 11 Aug

The Big Butterfly Count – watch out for walks and activities.

‘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/OW3kIX1cZkI

Exploring Peel Park and Woodnook Vale Local Nature Reserves leaflet
LINK HERE

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