

December 2017 & January 2018 WHAT'S ON

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

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.



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

PROSPECTS is closed from Thursday, 21st December until Tuesday, 2nd January 2018

'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](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



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 March 2018

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

August 2017 to March 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.



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 deadline will be Noon on Friday, 12th January 2018

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

Over the last five years 94 projects - 21 Mini Projects, 32 Small projects and 41 Large projects - totalling over £418,000.

Monday or Tuesday afternoons during December & January. Except Tuesday 5th Dec & Bank Holidays. 1:00pm to 4:00pm

PROSPECTS Christmas Window Display

The theme for the window display for Christmas 2017 is 'Woodlands' and 'Please make a home for wildlife this Winter'. Pop along to the PROSPECTS Environment Centre to say hello and take a look at the window.



<p>Saturday 2nd December</p> <p>10:00am to 1:00pm</p>	<p>WOOD CRAFTS @ PROSPECTS - Join our Saturday sessions – In December we will be working with wood and creating artefacts using a fret saw and incorporating various finishing techniques such as pyrography. The emphasis will be on fret saw and pyrography. There will be some support from other attendees but these sessions are not trainer led. We have some kits you can borrow to get you started. In the New Year we will be learning how to make animal homes and feeders ready for the RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch in January and Nest Box Week in February.</p> <p>You need to bring own wood or contact us to discuss what you need. <i>You can view samples of the work in the window at PROSPECTS, 54, Broadway, Accrington.</i> Email: barbara.sharples@prospectsfoundation.org to RESERVE A PLACE as there are only 12 places available due to the size of the room. <i>Everyone needs to let us know they will be attending these sessions please. Please email do not phone or text.</i></p>
<p>Monday 4th, 11th & 18th December.</p> <p>8th 15th & 22nd January.</p> <p>10:30am to 2:30pm</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 5th & 12th December</p> <p>10:00am to 1:00pm approx.</p> <p>You can attend for the full three hours or for as long as you like</p>	<p>CRAFTS @ PROSPECTS drop in sessions. 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. <i>Sessions are casual, friendly and volunteer led.</i></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. No need to Book but you might want to reserve a place as these new sessions are becoming very popular.....</i></p> <p>Email: barbara.sharples@prospectsfoundation.org.uk. Facebook: ProspectsFoundation Twitter: @Prospects1998. Tel: 230348 for more information.</p>
<p>Tuesday 12th December</p> <p>Tuesday 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th January</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. <i>The volunteers will also work at the same locations as the Monday Conservation Group.</i> 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.</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>
	<p>MORE FOLLOWS...</p>

<p>Wednesday 6th December 10:00am</p>	<p>WALK WITH PROSPECTS – WEDNESDAY WINTER WANDER - We will be exploring part of Accrington from Haworth Art Gallery. A hidden gem of a walk in the centre of Pennine Lancashire. Start 09:30am and finish 12noon approx. Meet Haworth Art Gallery car park SD 766 272. Hard track, road and farmland.</p>
<p>Friday 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd December.</p> <p>Friday 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th January</p> <p>10:15am 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. At the moment as it is the bird nesting season they will not be felling but will be processing the felled timber and also installing benches and waymarkers. Help them to sort hazel coppice into products including bundles of hazel rods, rustic poles for garden structures, bags of kindling sticks and cords of firewood logs. 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>
	<p style="text-align: center;">TREE CHARTER</p> <p>On the 6th November 2017, the 800th anniversary of the influential 1217 Charter of the Forest, the Charter for Trees, Woods and People was launched. PROSPECTS has become a Charter Branch so we would like you to call in and sign the Tree Charter. Do you believe that the people of the UK have the right to the benefits brought by trees and woods? The new charter will recognise, celebrate and protect this right. The Tree Charter will draw its strength from the hundreds of thousands of people across the UK that sign and a tree will be planted by The Woodland Trust for everyone that signs. Be part of this historic moment, sign the Tree Charter to show your support for the ten principles which can be viewed at https://treecharter.uk/</p>
<p>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.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">MEMBERSHIP</p> <p>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.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES</p> <p>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</p> <p style="text-align: center;">VISIT http://www.prospectsfoundation.org.uk/volunteering.html</p> <p style="text-align: center;">to find out more about VOLUNTEERING AT PROSPECTS</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">CHECK UPDATES TO THIS WHAT’S ON HERE –</p>	

For local PROSPECTS Panel MEETINGS please see the relevant section of the website
<http://www.prospectsfoundation.org.uk/prospects-panel.html>
Panel EVENTS are included in this What's On Events Bulletin but not Meetings

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