

JULY 2017 – WHAT'S ON (some August Events)

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**



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

Monday 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st July
1:00pm to 4:00pm

The next deadline is

Year 5 Round 4: 12.00 noon on Fri 1st September 2017 - Assessed in late September 2017

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

We have now funded 82 projects - 17 Mini Projects, 29 Small projects and 36 Large projects - totalling over £370,000.

REWILDING HYNDBURN'S GREEN SPACES PROJECT Courses - 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.

Saturday, 1st July
10:00am to 1:00pm

ORGANIC FOOD GROWING with *Climate Friendly Food (Julie Livesey)* - * **Friends and Foes, * Weeds, pest and disease control * Attracting wildlife.** Most of the course will be practical and you will get hands-on experience in a classroom and an outdoor location so you gain the confidence to create a wildlife friendly garden. By the end of the course you will have achieved an AQA Certificate in wildlife gardening. No exam. Tutor assessment during the course. Contact: Julie Livesey, Rewilding Hyndburn's Green Spaces Coordinator, Tel: 01254 230348 ext: #208 Mobile: 07799 295233. Email: julie.livesey@prospectsfoundation.org.uk Venues will be confirmed when you book.

Tuesday, 4th & 18th July
10:00am to 1:00pm approx.

You can attend for the full three hours or for as long as you like

Plus
Tues 1st, 15th & 29th Aug

CRAFTS @ PROSPECTS drop in sessions. Why not come along to one of our craft and chatter sessions – the theme is **WOODLAND CREATURES.** We have lots of donated materials and tools you can use to create items with a woodland theme. 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. We will also be creating items for our 2017 window displays (woodland displays). You can make one for the window and one for home to learn the techniques. Join our friendly team of crafters. Bring your own lunch if you wish. **Sessions are casual, friendly and volunteer led.**
Recycled & Upcycled Activities using fabric, beads, paper, card etc.... 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.....
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<p>Friday, 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th July</p> <p>10:15am to 5:00pm 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>Saturday, 8th & 22nd July</p> <p>10:00am to 1:00pm</p> <p>Plus 5th & 19th August</p>	<p>Arts & Crafts @ PROSPECTS - Join our Saturday sessions. Only one session in June but they will be working with wood and creating artefacts using a fret saw and incorporating various finishing techniques such as pyrography. AQA Unit Award Scheme certificates will be possible for those already registered for this academic year. The emphasis will be on fret saw and pyrography. Designed for those that have some experience using own tools and can work independently. There will be some support from other attendees but these sessions are not trainer led.</p> <p>You need to bring own tools and materials or contact us to discuss what you need. You can view samples of the work in the window at PROSPECTS, 54, Broadway, Accrington. Email: barbara.sharples@prospectsfoundation.org to RESERVE A PLACE as and there are only 12 places available due to the size of the room. Everyone needs to let us know they will be attending these sessions please. Please email do not phone or text.</p>
<p>Monday, 10th July</p> <p>9:30am to 4:30pm</p>	<p>Basic RISK ASSESSMENT for Volunteers with Fate-Medicade Ltd. This course serves as a quick, simple, effective way of explaining what risk assessment is and how it may be conducted by volunteers working on community projects or volunteering at outdoor practical activity sessions. Most of the course will be practical and you will get hands-on experience in writing a risk assessment for a given environment and/or activity in a classroom situation so you gain the confidence to use a template and write your own assessments and know how to conduct a risk assessment prior to an activity session and record your findings. By the end of the course you will have achieved an AQA Certificate in Basic Risk Assessment for Volunteers at Level 1. No exam. Tutor assessment during the course. Contact: Julie Livesey, Rewilding Hyndburn's Green Spaces Coordinator, Tel: 01254 230348 ext: #208 Mobile: 07799 295233. Email: Julie.livesey@prospectsfoundation.org.uk Venues will be confirmed when you book.</p>
<p>Wednesday, 12th July</p> <p>10:00am to 4:30pm</p>	<p>Scything with Steve Tomlin Crafts. Put down your strimmer; no more ear defenders, visor, noise, petrol fumes or fiddling about trying to get the string to feed properly. Just the sound of the birds and the swish of your blade slicing through the grass (or brambles, or nettles or even tiny trees). The mowing is gentle no-impact exercise and suitable for everyone. Steve is a founder member and Training Coordinator for the Scythe Association (Britain & Ireland) and recognised as the leading scythe instructor in the UK and author of 'Learn to Scythe'. The course features: - * Features and advantages of the Austrian scythe * How to set up the scythe to your size & adjust the blade * Ergonomic mowing style for more efficient cutting and less stress on the body * Sharpening in the field * Peening (hammering the blade to shape the edge as part of the sharpening process) * Care & maintenance. Contact: Julie Livesey, Rewilding Hyndburn's Green Spaces Coordinator, Tel: 01254 230348 ext: #208 Mobile: 07799 295233. Email: Julie.livesey@prospectsfoundation.org.uk Venues will be confirmed when you book.</p>
<p>June-September - REWILDING HYNDBURNS GREEN SPACES - If you would like to volunteer on this project you will need to join one of the local community groups. Please contact Julie or Barbara for details of a community food growing group or a community allotment near you. Julie.livesey@prospectsfoundation.org.uk or Barbara on 01254 230348.</p>	

<p>Wednesday, 12th July 7:00pm</p>	<p>*Hyndburn TREE WARDENS. Who can be a Tree warden? What is a Tree Warden? When do they volunteer? What do they do? Where do they volunteer? How do you get involved? Come along to the meeting to find out more. The meeting is at The Peel Park Hotel, Turkey St, Accrington BB5 6EW. Contact - Hyndburntreewardens@gmail.com https://www.facebook.com/HyndburnTreeWardens/ https://hyndburntreewardens.wordpress.com/</p>
<p>Friday, 14th July 9:30am to 4:30pm</p>	<p>Basic HEALTH & SAFETY for Volunteers with Fate-Medicade Ltd. This course is designed to give you a basic understanding of health and safety. It will look at what your responsibilities are, what the common work-related accidents and illnesses are, what risks and hazards you will typically face outdoors, and the arrangements and procedures that should be in place for volunteers. It is designed for volunteers working on community projects or volunteering at outdoor practical activity sessions. Most of the course will be practical and you will get hands-on experience in a classroom situation so you gain the confidence to cope with health & safety when you are volunteering or leading volunteers. You can then move on to a more advanced course if you wish. By the end of the course you will have achieved an AQA Certificate in Health & Safety for Volunteers at Level 1. No exam. Tutor assessment during the course. Contact: Julie Livesey, Rewilding Hyndburn's Green Spaces Coordinator, Tel: 01254 230348 ext: #208 Mobile: 07799 295233. Email: Julie.livesey@prospectsfoundation.org.uk Venues will be confirmed when you book.</p>
<p>Tuesday, 18th July 10:00am to 3:00pm</p>	<p>INSECTS & FOOD GROWING with Ben Hargreaves, Plan Bee Project Officer, Lancashire Wildlife Trust. The practical course covers: * "How to identify and create habitats for insects" and "make your green space insect friendly", * natural wood habitat, bug boxes, bees, insect friendly gardening and wildflowers, * importance of insect pollination for flowers and crops. Contact: Julie Livesey, Rewilding Hyndburn's Green Spaces Coordinator, Tel: 01254 230348 ext: #208 Mobile: 07799 295233. Email: Julie.livesey@prospectsfoundation.org.uk Venues will be confirmed when you book.</p>
<p>Tuesday, 18th & 25th July 10:30am to 2:30pm</p>	<p>VOLUNTEER SESSIONS <i>take place at various locations on Tuesday (see also Monday)</i> 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. For more information phone Roger Plum, 01254 230348, 07974 626835 or email roger.plum@prospectsfoundation.org.uk. 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, 21st July 10:00am</p>	<p>NATURE & PHOTOGRAPHY WALK - We will be taking in part of Peel Park and The Coppice and open countryside. Peel Park occupies an elevated position overlooking the town of Accrington at the top of Avenue Parade. The Coppice is excellent for brisk, variable terrain walks. A number of small forestry planting projects in recent years have added greater interest to the site and in turn a greater diversity in animal species to the area. Start 10:00am from the main gates at the top of Avenue Parade. Grid Ref: SD768290. Finish approx. 1:00pm. Distance 4.5 miles approx. Leisurely pace across formal paths, fields, footpaths and tracks. To join the walk turn up on the day or contact Barbara Sharples by email barbara.sharples@prospectsfoundation.org.uk.</p>
<p>Saturday, 22nd July 10:00am to 1:00pm</p>	<p>GET TOGETHER and a WALK for prospective Conservation Rangers - A walk at Woodnook Vale and a chance to find out about the Conservation Rangers and explore one of the Local Nature Reserve sites. Wear suitable clothing and footwear and bring a drink, the walk is 2.5 to 3 hours leisurely. Chat about the areas, what training is being provided and dates for training. The event will start at The PROSPECTS Environment Centre, 54 Broadway, Accrington. If you are interested in coming then please let Roger know or if you can't come but would like information then please contact him. Contact Roger Plum, 01254 230348, 07974 626835 or email roger.plum@prospectsfoundation.org.uk.</p>

<p>Saturday, 22nd July 10:00am to 12:00 noon</p>	<p>Woodnook Community Allotment & Rewilding Hyndburn's Green Spaces. A community event to clear overgrown paths, weed, and do general improvement tasks to tidy up the allotment site. Everyone welcome. Come along and find out about the community allotment. Contact: Julie Livesey, Rewilding Hyndburn's Green Spaces Coordinator, Tel: 01254 230348 ext: #208 Mobile: 07799 295233. Email: Julie.livesey@prospectsfoundation.org.uk Meet at the car park outside the allotment by the notice board.</p>
<p>Monday, 24th & 31st July 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 proposed to be designated as 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 £89,300 from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for an exciting new project, 'Connecting People to Hyndburn's Natural Heritage', which will focus 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</p>
<p>Wednesday, 26th July 10:00am to 3:00pm</p>	<p>GREEN ROOF CONSTRUCTION with Veronica Love MSC, Department of Landscape at the University of Sheffield, researching aspects of Green Roofs. The practical course covers: <i>*designing and planning small green roofs *roof preparation and installing a green roof *types of plants that can be used *the best place to plant everything *green roof maintenance, irrigation, and weeding.</i> Most of the course will be practical and you will get hands-on experience in an outdoor location so you gain the confidence to install your own green roof or one at a community site. "Small-scale green roofs (on buildings you're not meant to live in, like sheds and garages) can be constructed quite easily (DIY) and with little costs"! Contact: Julie Livesey, Rewilding Hyndburn's Green Spaces Coordinator, Tel: 01254 230348 ext: #208 Mobile: 07799 295233. Email: Julie.livesey@prospectsfoundation.org.uk The venue is Woodnook Community Allotment.</p>
<p>Friday, 28th July 10:00am to 1:00pm</p>	<p>BASIC FIRST AID FOR VOLUNTEERS course - This course is designed for volunteers working on community projects or volunteering at outdoor practical activity sessions. It is a basic first aid course to enable you to deal with situations until professional help arrives. Most of the course will be practical and you will get hands-on experience in a classroom situation so you gain the confidence to cope if a situation arrives during your volunteering. You can then move on to a more advanced course if you wish. By the end of the course you will have achieved an AQA Certificate in First Aid for Volunteers at Level 1. No exam. Tutor assessment during the course. Contact: Julie Livesey, Rewilding Hyndburn's Green Spaces Coordinator, Tel: 01254 230348 ext: #208 Mobile: 07799 295233. Email: Julie.livesey@prospectsfoundation.org.uk</p>
<p>Saturday, 29th July Time to be confirmed</p>	<p>INTRODUCTION TO BATS AND SURVEYING. More information and a poster will be available soon but there will be a short talk before the walk to The Coppice. Meet at PROSPECTS, 54 Broadway, Accrington BB5 1EW. Bat detectors available but bring your own if you have one. Contact Catrin Watkin to book a place (BOOKING ESSENTIAL) Lancashire Wildlife Trust. 01772 317246 cwatkin@lancswt.org.uk NOTE: Please bring refreshments, note book and pen, suitable clothing and sturdy footwear. Time will be spent indoors and then you will head outdoors where there will be uneven ground and the footpath will be steep in places.</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>Wildlife Watch</p>	<p>Become a Big Badger, Wildlife Watch leader. If you could inspire young people to enjoy wildlife at the Local Nature Reserves of The Coppice/Peel Park, Woodnook Vale or Foxhill Bank then this opportunity could be for you. To find out more get in touch with Jane Attfield, Local Groups Officer at the Wildlife Trust email: jattfield@lancswt.org.uk Tel: 01772 324129. Get in touch by 30th June to arrange an informal discussion.</p>

COMING SOON IN AUGUST – BOOK NOW TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT –

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

Wednesday, 2nd August 10:00am to 3:00pm	FAMILY FUN DAY. Come along and find out about the fascinating creatures at the heart of the aquatic food web. We will have a variety of aquatic invertebrate life from local rivers and ponds. There will be mayflies, stoneflies, caddisflies, freshwater shrimp and more! We will also be running pond-dipping trips throughout the day so you can have a go at catching and identifying your own aquatic bugs. Fun Day led By: Adam Walmsley, Ribble Rivers Trust and Roger Plum, The PROSPECTS Foundation. Join PROSPECTS and the Ribble Rivers Trust at Peel Park, Avenue Parade, Accrington Grid Ref: SD768290. For more information about the Fun Day contact: Roger Plum, Connecting People to Hyndburn's Natural Heritage Tel: 01254 230348 Extension 207, Mobile: 07974 626835
Thursday, 3rd August and Friday 4th August	FOREST GARDEN COURSE – details available soon. Contact: Julie Livesey, Rewilding Hyndburn's Green Spaces Coordinator, Tel: 01254 230348 ext: #208 Mobile: 07799 295233. Email: Julie.livesey@prospectsfoundation.org.uk
Monday, 14th August 10:00am to 3:30pm	MEADOW MANAGEMENT, Growing Wild, Baxenden. Seed collecting and propagation training with Phil Reddell, Lancashire Wildlife Trust. South Pennines Grasslands Project Officer. More details and poster to follow soon via the website.
Friday, 18th August 10:00am	NATURE & PHOTOGRAPHY WALK - Woodnook Vale & Priestley Clough Walk. A circular walk to include Rothwell Heights. To join the walk turn up on the day or contact Barbara Sharples by email barbara.sharples@prospectsfoundation.org.uk .
Saturday, 19th August 10:00am to 3:00pm	CLEAN-UP AT PLATT'S LODGE - Join PROSPECTS and the Ribble Rivers Trust on a one-day conservation session. The tasks will include cleaning up the area for both wildlife and visitors. Platt's Lodge, with its wildlife is adjacent to Hyndburn Greenway. 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

VISIT <http://www.prospectsfoundation.org.uk/volunteering.html>
to find put more about VOLUNTEERING AT PROSPECTS

Making homes for wildlife - Environment

We want to create a range of natural habitats for a wide variety of local wildlife including butterflies, hedgehogs, birds and frogs.

£1,557.71 raised so far with the Co-op Local Community Fund



We want to create and enhance habitats for wildlife. Bees, butterflies, hedgehogs, birds and frogs will all be enticed to take up residence in new natural surroundings. We already work with local groups and schools developing and managing green spaces, woodlands, food growing areas and community gardens but many of these lack the additional wildlife habitats vital for our native species to thrive. We will run training and activity sessions on habitat creation including creating wildflower meadows and bog gardens; planting hedgerows, fruit bushes and heritage orchards; building bug hotels, bird boxes, feeders and habitat piles. The outcomes will be more homes for nature in the area and local people gaining skills in creating wildlife habitats and in identifying the species that use them.

Members can choose to give 1% of what they spend on Co-op branded products and services to the PROSPECTS cause.



Donations Welcome



We just wanted to let you know that we are taking part in Localgiving. We encourage all of you to get involved in whatever way you can - be it as a fundraiser, a donor or simply by spreading the word. Localgiving will match and double the first £500 we achieve.

Your kind donation will help us to continue to provide the work we do in the community and will truly be appreciated.

- £10 can provide plants, seeds, tools, equipment or PPE for community and volunteer sessions
- £50 can provide equipment to get schools started food growing
- £100 a month can provide volunteer management and activities for a week on local community sites
- £200 can provide a day of training or workshops.

For more information about PROSPECTS please visit <http://www.prospectsfoundation.org.uk/>, email mike.stapleford@prospectsfoundation.org.uk or call 01254-230348 Ext. 205.

Thank you for your support!

FUNDING

WINDFALL FUNDING AVAILABLE THROUGH PROSPECTS



WINDFALL FUND. Since 2012 we have funded 79 projects and awarded a total of £348,968. There is an 84% success rate for grant applications so if you have a project that fits one of our six themes and needs a mini grant of up to £250, a small project of £250 - £2000 or a large project needing more than £2,000 get in touch now. **See Mondays in the What's On section.**

The Windfall Fund has been established from proceeds from the new Hyndburn wind farm on Oswaldtwistle Moor. The Fund is a community benefit fund that is being provided by EnergieKontor, the wind farm developer, and we have secured an agreement with EnergieKontor to manage the Fund on their behalf for the lifetime of the wind farm. Grants are available to community groups throughout Hyndburn for environmental projects which will improve the quality of life of local residents and contribute to the sustainable development of the Borough.

This means money is available for environmental projects in Hyndburn for at least the next 20 years!

<p>Environmental Awareness Activities & Workshops i.e. CRAFTS & Arts & Crafts will run from 1st April until September 2017 - recycled crafts, traditional rural crafts, workshops using recycled materials, wildlife gardening etc. Walking is starting in April & Cycling will start soon and run until September 2017.</p>		
<p>TRAINING</p>	<p>The list of courses we can offer is available on the website under the 'What's On > New for 2017' and 'Volunteering > Training' headings in the left hand Menu.</p>	
<p>April 2017 to September 2017</p>	<p>Check the website What's On Calendar for future events. http://www.prospectsfoundation.org.uk/events/calendar.html</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

There are various way to book on our EVENTS - by email, office telephone or
Facebook ProspectsFoundation and Twitter @Prospects1998.

Places limited to 12 on most activities in PEC & the Training Centre.

Contact Barbara Sharples on Tel: 230348

Email: barbara.sharples@prospectsfoundation.org.uk.

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



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