

## MAY 2017 – WHAT'S ON

The **website** is **updated most Tuesdays** so please check the website for any changes to the following. **Posters** are available via the **Activities Page** on the website.



Mon 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> &  
22<sup>nd</sup> May  
1:00pm to 4:00pm

**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.

**Year 5 Round 3: The next deadline is 12.00 noon on Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> June 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.

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>,  
16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> May  
10:30am to  
2:30pm

No session  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May

**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. For more information phone Roger Plum, 01254 230348, 07974 626835 or email [roger.plum@prospectsfoundation.org.uk](mailto: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.**

Friday 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>,  
19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> May  
10:15am to  
5:00pm 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. 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. 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.  
**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.  
Contact **Mike Stapleford (Social Enterprise Development)**: 01254 230348 Ext 205 or e-mail [mike.stapleford@prospectsfoundation.org.uk](mailto:mike.stapleford@prospectsfoundation.org.uk)

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

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| <p><b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> &amp; 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b><br/> <b>10:30am to 2:30pm</b></p> <p><b>Bank Holidays 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 29<sup>th</sup> May - no session</b></p> | <p><b>CONSERVATION VOLUNTEERS</b> – 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.</p> <p><b>Sessions take place at various locations</b> on a Monday &amp; 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 <a href="mailto:roger.plum@prospectsfoundation.org.uk">roger.plum@prospectsfoundation.org.uk</a></p>  |
| <p><b>Tues 9<sup>th</sup> &amp; 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b></p> <p><b>10:00am to 1:00pm approx.</b></p> <p>You can attend for the full three hours or for as long as you like</p>                  | <p><b>CRAFTS @ PROSPECTS drop in sessions.</b> <b>Have you got a craft skill you can share?</b> Have you got any unfinished craft projects in your cupboards? Why not come along to one of our craft and chatter sessions and get them completed. We have lots of donated materials and tools you can use.</p> <p>You can arrive any time after 10:00am and leave at any time up to 2:00pm. Bring your own projects such as beads, quilting, ribbons and any other traditional craft project to work on.</p> <p>We will also be creating items for our 2017 window displays. You can make one for the window and one for home to learn the techniques. Volunteers will be demonstrating a variety of craft skills such as bead decorations, decorating candles, weaving, salt dough, glass painting and felt work between April and September. Join our friendly team of crafters. Bring your own lunch if you wish.</p> <p><b>Recycled &amp; Upcycled Activities using fabric, paper, card etc....</b> <i><b>DROP in for a brew and a chat and to look at our craft books and magazines.</b></i> <b>No need to Book but you might want to reserve a place as these new sessions are becoming very popular.....</b></p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:barbara.sharples@prospectsfoundation.org.uk">barbara.sharples@prospectsfoundation.org.uk</a>. Facebook: ProspectsFoundation<br/> Twitter: @Prospects1998. Tel: 230348 for more information.</p> |
| <p><b>Weds 10<sup>th</sup> May</b></p> <p><b>Time to be confirmed</b></p>  | <p><b>Walk in the Woods month.</b> This year we will be joining up with Hyndburn Tree Wardens to do a joint evening walk. The details have yet to be finalised so look out for the <a href="#">POSTER</a> on the Activities page on the website. Bring your mobile phone or a camera. Contact Barbara email <a href="mailto:barbara.sharples@prospectsfoundation.org.uk">barbara.sharples@prospectsfoundation.org.uk</a> to let us know you are coming. Wear sturdy boots for different terrain and suitable clothing for the predicted weather on the evening.</p>   |
| <p><b>Sat, 13<sup>th</sup> &amp; 27<sup>th</sup> May</b></p> <p><b>10:00am to 1:00pm</b></p>   | <p><b>Arts &amp; Crafts @ PROSPECTS</b></p> <p>Join our Saturday sessions. Through May 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. You need to bring own tools and materials or contact us to discuss what you need.</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:barbara.sharples@prospectsfoundation.org">barbara.sharples@prospectsfoundation.org</a> to RESERVE A PLACE as and there are only 12 places available due to the size of the room. <b>Everyone needs to let us know they will be attending these sessions please. Please email do not phone or text.</b></p>  |
| <p><b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May</b></p> <p><b>10am</b></p>  | <p><b>FRIDAY NATURE AND PHOTOGRAPHY WALKS.</b> This month we will be visiting Whinney Hill and Spout House <b>Community Woodland</b>. At Whinney Hill, Altham we will be looking at the improved access to the area and habitat improvements to promote flora and fauna growth. The Lancashire Environmental Fund has given a grant to PROSPECTS for the 15.20-hectare site which includes woodlands, a meadow and a large pond on land owned by Lancashire County Council.</p>   |

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|                                 | We will also visit Spout House Community Woodland – Since 2014 a new community woodland has been created at Spout House Wood in Huncoat. Meet near Accrington Cricket Club, Thorneyholme Rd, Accrington BB5 6BD. Bring your mobile phone and a camera. Contact Barbara email <a href="mailto:barbara.sharples@prospepectsfoundation.org.uk">barbara.sharples@prospepectsfoundation.org.uk</a> to let us know you are coming. Wear sturdy boots for different terrain and suitable clothing for the predicted weather on the day   |
| <b>Weds 31<sup>st</sup> May</b> | <b>ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.</b> The 18 <sup>th</sup> AGM will take place at Woodnook Community Centre (Baptist Church), Royds Street, Accrington BB5 2JH. Full details will be sent to our Members via email or post. If you are not a member and would like to attend the AGM as a guest please see the Activities page of the website for more information and how to attend. If you wish to become a member of PROSPECTS please contact Mike Stapleford, email <a href="mailto:mike.stapleford@prospepectsfoundation.org.uk">mike.stapleford@prospepectsfoundation.org.uk</a> |
| <b>MAY</b>                      | <b>REWILDING HYNDBURNS GREEN SPACES</b> - 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@prospepectsfoundation.org.uk or Barbara on 01254 230348.   |

## *Volunteering Opportunities*

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| <b>Conservation Volunteers</b> will operate at woodlands, nature reserves and other green spaces across Hyndburn. The volunteers will work alongside PROSPECTS Foundation staff and other volunteers as part of a small team and will undertake Conservation tasks as directed by the member of staff or partner organisations.                         |   |
| <b>Heritage Lottery Fund - Local Nature Reserves - Conservation Volunteers</b>  | Volunteer at Woodnook Vale and Peel Park/The Coppice on Monday or Tuesday with PROSPECTS. For more information phone Roger Plum, 01254 230348, 07974 626835 or email <a href="mailto:roger.plum@prospepectsfoundation.org.uk">roger.plum@prospepectsfoundation.org.uk</a> |
| <b>Green Space Volunteers at Whinney Hill, Clayton-le-Moors</b>   | Volunteer at Whinney Hill on Monday or Tuesday with PROSPECTS. For more information phone Roger Plum, 01254 230348, 07974 626835 or email <a href="mailto:roger.plum@prospepectsfoundation.org.uk">roger.plum@prospepectsfoundation.org.uk</a>                            |
| <b>Woody Volunteers</b>   | Volunteer with Woody at a variety of sites in Hyndburn. Contact <b>Mike Stapleford (Social Enterprise Development)</b> : 01254 230348 Ext 205 or e-mail <a href="mailto:mike.stapleford@prospepectsfoundation.org.uk">mike.stapleford@prospepectsfoundation.org.uk</a>    |
| <b>PROSPECTS Environment Centre volunteers</b> will volunteer at 54, Broadway and/or the Training Centre, Oak Hill Park or at external events. For more information on these volunteering roles phone Barbara on 01254 230348 or email <a href="mailto:barbara.sharples@prospepectsfoundation.org.uk">barbara.sharples@prospepectsfoundation.org.uk</a> |   |
| <b>Volunteer Window Dresser</b>   | To create window displays on environmental topics once a month. To put posters in the window notice boards regularly. To use recycled and other resources and those supplied by partner organisation to create imaginative window displays.                               |
| <b>VISIT</b> <a href="http://www.prospepectsfoundation.org.uk/volunteering.html">http://www.prospepectsfoundation.org.uk/volunteering.html</a><br>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](mailto: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!***

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| <p><b><i>Environmental Awareness Activities &amp; Workshops i.e. CRAFTS &amp; Arts &amp; Crafts will run from 1<sup>st</sup> April until September 2017 - recycled crafts, traditional rural crafts, workshops using recycled materials, wildlife gardening etc. Walking is starting in April &amp; Cycling will start soon and run until September 2017.</i></b></p>  |   |  |
| <p><b>TRAINING</b></p>   | <p>The list of courses we can offer is available on the website under the 'What's On &gt; New for 2017' and 'Volunteering &gt; Training' headings in the left hand Menu.</p>                            |   |
| <p><b>April 2017 to September 2017</b></p>   | <p>Check the website What's On Calendar for future events.<br/> <a href="http://www.prospectsfoundation.org.uk/events/calendar.html">http://www.prospectsfoundation.org.uk/events/calendar.html</a></p> |   |
| <p>For local PROSPECTS Panel MEETINGS please see the relevant section of the website<br/> <a href="http://www.prospectsfoundation.org.uk/prospects-panel.html">http://www.prospectsfoundation.org.uk/prospects-panel.html</a><br/>         Panel EVENTS are included in this What's On Events Bulletin but not Meetings</p>  |   |   |
| <p>There are various way to book on our EVENTS - by email, office telephone or Facebook ProspectsFoundation and Twitter @Prospects1998.<br/> <b>Places limited to 12 on most activities in PEC &amp; the Training Centre.</b><br/>         Contact Barbara Sharples on Tel: 230348<br/>         Email: <a href="mailto:barbara.sharples@prospectsfoundation.org.uk">barbara.sharples@prospectsfoundation.org.uk</a>.</p> |   |   |

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



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