

NOVEMBER 2017 – WHAT'S ON

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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Celebrating Our Environment

The PROSPECTS Foundation has won the Best Practice Award in the 'General Environmental Project' category for their work on Whinney Hill Woodland improvements.

The award from LEF (Lancashire Environmental Fund) was presented at the Annual Award Event held at Warton Village Hall near Carnforth. The afternoon was spent with other winners celebrating partnership and successful projects and included a visit to RSPB Leighton Moss.

Roger Plum, who led the woodland improvement project said, "The judge was impressed with the community aspect of the project because the work was done by volunteers and the volunteers had benefitted from training courses as part of the project.

"The woodland improvement tasks included cutting back shrubs and ground cover to improve paths, clearing and exposing a set of steep steps, hazel coppicing, repairing existing and installing new kissing-gates, replacing sections of fencing and providing information boards.

"There was a tree felling course using small hand tools and volunteers had training on various aspects of woodland management at the practical sessions. A dawn chorus walk and two guided walks for local people took place."

A group of volunteers known as WOODY did the large tree felling and installed benches. WOODY is Hyndburn's woodland social enterprise involved in woodland management activities in various woodlands around the borough including Whinney Hill and other green space areas.

For more information and to get involved in volunteering at PROSPECTS contact: Roger Plum (Connecting People to Hyndburn's Natural Heritage): 01254 230348 Extension 207, email: roger.plum@prospectsfoundation.org.uk Tel: 01254 230348 ext: #207 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.





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.

The next deadline will be Friday, 12th January 2018

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

We have now funded 94 projects - 21 Mini Projects, 32 Small projects and 41 Large projects
- totalling over £418,000.

**Monday or
Tuesday
afternoons during
November
1:00pm to 4:00pm**

PROSPECTS Christmas Window Display

The theme for the window display for Christmas 2017 is 'Woodlands'. The display will be completed by 30th November for the Accrington Light Switch On event. We will be featuring birds, flora and animals that live in British woodlands. If you have anything you can loan us or you can make something please get in touch. You can use a variety of craft skills to create your bird, flower, funghi or animal.



TREE CHARTER



On the 6th November 2017, the 800th anniversary of the influential 1217 Charter of the Forest, the Charter for Trees, Woods and People will be 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/>

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.

**Monday, 6th, 13th,
20th and 27th
November
10:30am to
2:30pm**

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.

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

**Tuesday, 7th & 21st
November
10:00am to
1:00pm approx.**

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

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 Christmas window display (woodland theme). 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>Tuesday, 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th November</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. 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>Tuesday 14th November</p> <p>10:00am to 1:00pm</p>	<p>WILLOW WEAVING with Julie Livesey (Pip Cottage) through the Rewilding Hyndburn's Green Spaces project. Learn how to make a willow screen. Booking essential, places limited, refreshments included. One of our Crafts @ PROSPECTS sessions – this is a special event. To BOOK pop into the shop on Broadway, Email: barbara.sharple@prospectsfoundation.org.uk. Facebook: ProspectFoundation Twitter: @Prospects1998. Tel: 230348 for more information.</p>
<p>Wednesday, 29th November</p> <p>10:00am</p>	<p>WALK with PROSPECTS – Come for a Wednesday Wander on our National Tree Week walk to Celebrate the first UK National Tree Day which took place on the 25th November. We might try some Winter tree identification too. This is one of our Tree Charter Branch events. To find out more look us up on Facebook: ProspectFoundation, Twitter: @Prospects1998, Phone: 230348 or visit http://www.prospectsfoundation.org.uk/events/activities.html</p>
<p>Friday, 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th November</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. 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.</p>
<p>Saturday, 4th & 18th November</p> <p>10:00am to 1:00pm</p>	<p>WOOD CRAFTS @ PROSPECTS - Join our Saturday sessions – just three sessions to get your Christmas gifts made! In November & 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. You need to bring own wood 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.sharple@prospectsfoundation.org to RESERVE A PLACE as 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>Wednesday, 6th December</p> <p>10:00am</p>	<p>WALK WITH PROSPECTS – WEDNESDAY WINTER WANDER - We will be exploring part of Hyndburn. The final route and distance will be confirmed during November. Start 10:00am and finish approx. 1:00pm.</p>

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 20th Anniversary in 2018! View the Benefits of being a member [HERE](#).

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

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VISIT <http://www.prospectsfoundation.org.uk/volunteering.html>

to find out more about VOLUNTEERING AT PROSPECTS

CHECK UPDATES TO THIS WHAT'S ON [HERE](#) –

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

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

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



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