

SEPTEMBER 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.



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**

Friday, 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th September
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.

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.

Saturday, 2nd & 16th September
10:00am to 1:00pm

Arts & Crafts @ PROSPECTS - Join our Saturday sessions. In September 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. 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. **You can view samples of the work in the window at PROSPECTS, 54, Broadway, Accrington.** Email: barbara.sharpley@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.**


Monday or Tuesday during September
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.

The next deadline will be in December 2107 – January 2018

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

We have now funded 86 projects - 19 Mini Projects, 30 Small projects and 38 Large projects - totalling over £385,000.

<p>Monday, 4th, 18th & 25th September</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 & 19th September</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 – the theme is WOODLAND CREATURES and we work mainly with textiles. 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.</p> <p>We will also be creating items for our 2017 window displays (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.</p> <p>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.....</p> <p>Email: barbara.sharple@prospectsfoundation.org.uk. Facebook: Prospectsfoundation Twitter: @Prospects1998. Tel: 230348 for more information.</p>
<p>Tuesday, 5th, 19th & 26th September</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.</p> <p>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 5th & Wednesday, 6th September</p> <p>09:30am to 4:30pm</p>	<p>PERMACULTURE - A two-day ‘Introduction to Permaculture’ course led by Paul Paine, Ecoworks - a community garden in Nottingham. A two-day accredited course is an excellent way to find out more about permaculture. This ‘taster’ will provide an opportunity to actively learn about the principles and see examples of designs being implemented by groups and projects in this country and abroad. The course is lively, participatory and thought provoking and is an accredited course.</p> <p>For more information and to BOOK A PLACE contact: Julie Livesey, Rewilding Hyndburn’s Green Spaces Coordinator, Tel: 01254 230348 Etn: 208 Mobile: 07799 295233. Email: Julie.livesey@prospectsfoundation.org.uk or barbara.sharple@prospectsfoundation.org.uk.</p>

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.



<p>Wednesday, 6th September 10:00am</p>	<p>NATURE & PHOTOGRAPHY WALK – NATURE & PHOTOGRAPHY WALK - We will be exploring part of Laund Clough Wood at Baxenden, Peel Park & The Coppice and open countryside. Laund Clough Wood is owned by The Woodland Trust. Laund Clough is a popular local wood for nearby residents, mainly used by dog walkers and children playing. Mature trees such as beech and ash share ground with regenerating elm, beech, and sycamore. 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 Oak Hill Park, Manchester Road, Accrington. Grid Ref: SD766277. Finish approx. 1:00pm. 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. A leisurely walk with time for chat and photographs. Bring a camera or mobile phone camera to record your walk. Wear suitable clothing and strong footwear and bring a drink of water please.</p>
<p>Wednesday, 13th September 10:00am to 2:00pm</p>	<p>FORAGING WALK AND WORKSHOP Foraging hedgerows and making medicine from natural gathered plants. Bring a drink a packed lunch and waterproofs please. Wear suitable clothing and sturdy footwear and bring a knife or scissors and a gathering basket. This event includes a two-mile foraging walk. Please notify us of any allergies beforehand. Now taking bookings - booking via email preferred - barbara.sharples@prospectsfoundation.org.uk Phone Barbara Sharples on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 230348 between 10am and 4pm. Facebook: ProspectsFoundation Twitter: @Prospects1998</p>
<p>Wednesday, 13th September 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>Saturday, 16th September</p>	<p>*FUNGHI COURSE – the course will be run by The Wildlife Trust at Spring Wood, Whalley. More information and a poster will be available on the PROSPECTS website soon. LIMITED PLACES so please reserve a place soon. 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 outdoors where there will be uneven ground and the footpath will be muddy and steep in places.</p>
<p>Friday, 22nd September 7:30pm</p>	<p>*GO BATTY – a twilight bat walk led by Roger Cunliffe and Baxenden Forum. The walk starts at the Alma Pub, Manchester Road, Baxenden and the route will be Hill Street, Woodnook Vale and up to the lodges and be approximately 3 miles. There will be bat detectors for walkers to use. Please bring a torch or head torch. Wear suitable clothing and sturdy footwear. Contact Baxenden Forum (Sheila) on 01254 384619 for more information. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Dogs may attend but must be kept on a lead.</p>

NAME THE CYCLEWAY - SURVEY

Naming of the NCN6 cycle way which goes through Hyndburn (Woodnook Vale). Have your say.

The section of National Cycleway Network (NCN) Route 6, from Accrington to Ramsbottom needs a new name, and Lancashire County Council are asking for your help in finding the right one. At the moment we are collecting ideas from which a short list will be created and put to a public vote.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NM3S2XG>

Find out more about the Greenway and Mid Pennine Arts' *Scenic Route* project on the [website](#).

COMING SOON IN OCTOBER – BOOK NOW TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT –

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



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!

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WINDFALL FUNDING AVAILABLE THROUGH PROSPECTS



WINDFALL FUND. Since 2012 we have funded 86 projects and awarded a total over £385,000. 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 & Tuesdays 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!

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

£1662 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 which runs until 7th October 2017

<p><i>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.</i></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>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</p>		

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



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