May 2018 – Newsletter & 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.

Some Photos from our Current Project Activities

Mini Beast Hunt and Habitat Making at Hippings Methodist Primary School, Oswaldtwistle through the People’s Postcode Lottery funded ‘Improving Hyndburn’s Wildlife’ project.

The Year 5 pupils are RotaKids sponsored by Church and Oswaldtwistle Rotary Club

Examining a mini beast during the hunt in the school grounds

Charlie Pass, Wildaid, who delivered the session in partnership with PROSPECTS

Using knowledge from Charlie’s introduction the children designed their own mini beast homes and then selected materials to construct the home. Out in the school grounds the children were introduced to survey equipment and participated in a National Bug Counts Survey.

Session two of Garden Planters with Barry, Wood Creations. Finishing the planters in the sunshine at Oak Hill Park

Please Take Part in the ‘Improving Hyndburn’s Wildlife’ Survey - After only one month the Improving Hyndburn’s Wildlife survey is producing some interesting results. The results so far tell us that Hyndburn people are quite good at providing habitats for wildlife through flowers, trees and bird boxes. We are also very good at feeding birds but people have asked for help in feeding stations for bees, insects, butterflies and not surprisingly hedgehogs.

In the coming months we will be running workshops so people can make their own garden planters, bird and bat boxes, ladybird and bug hotels, hedgehog homes, plant pots of herbs and wildflowers for bees and insects and we will be showing people how to create water feeders, wildflower borders and natural areas for wildlife. There will be demonstrations on how to create a pond and other habitats and PROSPECTS will run visits to woodlands and green spaces that attract a lot of wildlife thanks to good management.

Please use the link below to complete the Survey. You can also pop into PROSPECTS to complete a hard/paper copy.

http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/0PBOE/
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 June 2018


**August 2017 to June 2018 - REWILDING HYNDBURN'S 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.

‘**IMPROVING HYNDBURN’S WILDLIFE**’ - PROSPECTS is supporting individuals and groups to develop their own spaces for wildlife in their gardens and backyards by running training and activity sessions where residents can learn to identify different species, make bird & bat boxes, garden planters, hedgehog homes and bug hotels etc. whilst picking up tips on habitat management. If you would like to know more about the project, creating wildlife habitats in your garden or backyard and for updates on forthcoming activities, please contact Barbara Sharples at The PROSPECTS Foundation on 01254 230348, email barbara.sharples@prospectsfoundation.org.uk or mobile 07599 106670. Use the QR code on the right to link to the webpage for more information.


‘**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.


Contact PROSPECTS to find out about Outdoor Volunteering Opportunities including Conservation Rangers, 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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**WALKING** – Did you know we have two new walking leaflets for Peel Park and Jackhouse Nature Reserve plus many other walking leaflets available FREE at PROSPECTS! Call in Soon...

**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.

Remember, applications for Mini Projects can be made at any time.
Over the last five years 103 projects - 24 Mini Projects, 36 Small projects and 43 Large projects - totalling over £433,000 have been supported.
**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](#).

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**WHAT’S ON THIS MONTH - MAY**

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| **Monday, 14th & 21st May** | **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, 8th and 22nd May** | **10:00am to 1:00pm approx.**  
**CRAFTS @ PROSPECTS drop in session.** 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. 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 these new sessions are becoming very popular..... **NOTE: see 22nd May Wildlife Activity**  
Email: barbara.sharples@prospectsfoundation.org.uk. Facebook: ProspectsFoundation Twitter: @Prospects1998. Tel: 230348 for more information. |
| **Tuesday, 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th May** | **10:30am to 2:30pm**  
**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. **Please confirm dates with Roger.**  
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. |
### Special Events, Activities & Workshops

**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. Activities this month are likely to be processing timber and making products from them. 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.*

#### Work-Party at GrOwING Wild.

Fancy getting out in the fresh air and helping at the GrOwING Wild Community Allotment, bottom of Hill Street, Baxenden? Help spring clean the raised bed area. All welcome, please wear wellies /boots, waterproofs. Bring water to drink. Children under 16 must be accompanied by a responsible adult please. For more information please contact Julie Livesey, Rewilding Hyndburn’s Green Spaces Co-ordinator, Tel 01254 230348 etn 208, email Julie.livesey@prospectsfoundation.org.uk Mobile 07799-2952433

#### MAKING A FLOWERING BUG HOUSE/INSECT HOME for insects with Barry, Wood Creations. You will learn basic woodworking skills, paint and varnish the insect habitat. The second session is for people to complete their planter. This activity is part of the People’s Postcode Lottery funded Improving Hyndburn’s Wildlife project. **There are two more workshops in May to create a Flowering Bug House / Insect Home to bring beneficial insects into your garden and then more woodworking workshops to create habitats and feeders until December.** Email: barbara.sharples@prospectsfoundation.org.uk. Facebook: ProspectsFoundation Twitter: @Prospects1998. Tel: 230348 for more information. **BOOKING IN ADVANCE (via email please) IS ESSENTIAL and you must be available to attend both session.**

#### WETLAND CREATION - plug planting volunteer day at Slate Pit with Ribble Rivers Trust. We'll be planting native wetland species including yellow flag iris, common reed, black burreed and water plantain to naturalise newly created ponds created for flood alleviation. Everyone is welcome though we ask volunteers 18 years or younger to be accompanied by a responsible adult. Please come dressed for our changeable British weather; we suggest a waterproof and a pair of wellies as well as a sun hat and sun cream. If you have a pair of waders bring those along too. Make sure to bring your lunch and a drink with you too. We'll provide all the tools and maybe even a brew and a biscuit! Please park at the end of Plantation Road, Accrington, BB5 6RT. We'll then walk a short way to the planting site. Please click here for directions. Location: 53.754367, -2.342638 (map).

#### FORAGING FOR FOOD WITH DANIELLE KAY Medical Herbalist – Come and join us for a forage walk to find and identify edible plants and then cook and eat them. Meet at the Training Centre Oak Hill Park, Accrington to then forage in Woodnook Vale before returning to prepare and eat what has been foraged. Wear suitable clothing, sturdy (waterproof) footwear and bring waterproofs plus a basket or canvas bag for collection and a knife or scissors. *Notify us of allergies and special dietary requirements in advance please. **BOOKING IN ADVANCE IS ESSENTIAL.** For more information phone Roger Plum, 01254 230348, 07974 626835 or email roger.plum@prospectsfoundation.org.uk. **These walks are always popular so please reserve a place with Roger.**
Saturday, 19th May
Times TBC

SKETCHING EVENT – sketch the architecture and features around Platts Lodge. This event is held in partnership with Mid Pennine Arts under their 'Scenic Route' programme. More information from Roger Plum, 01254 230348, 07974 626835 or email roger.plum@prospectsfoundation.org.uk. This event will be confirmed asap and bookings should be made via Mid Pennine Arts please.

Tuesday, 22nd May
10:00am to 1:00pm approx.

INSECT FRIENDLY HERB PLANTERS with Lyndsie Snape, Go Potty About Herbs. Attract beneficial insects to your garden and backyard by growing insect friendly herbs. This event links to the start of Chelsea Flower Show and National Gardening Week at the beginning of May. This activity is part of the People’s Postcode Lottery funded ‘Improving Hyndburn’s Wildlife’ project. Email: barbara.sharples@prospectsfoundation.org.uk. Facebook: ProspectsFoundation Twitter: @Prospects1998. Tel: 230348 for more information. BOOKING IN ADVANCE (via email please) IS ESSENTIAL.
Watch out for 5th June event - Create a container of plants for flying insects e.g. hanging baskets, planters, window boxes and pots for the wildlife garden. The insects will attract nocturnal visitors such as bats to your garden and backyard!

Monday, 28th May
8:30am to 6:00pm

MEET PROSPECTS @ Great Harwood Agricultural Show – we will be in the Community Marquee.

Wednesday, 30th May
6:00pm TBC

WALK in the WOODS – May is the Tree Council’s Walk in the Woods month and we will be celebrating with a walk at Whinney Hill, Accrington to view the award winning woodland improvements. The Whinney Hill Woodland improvements by The PROSPECTS Foundation resulted in PROSPECTS receiving the Lancashire Environmental Fund Winner of the 2017 Best Practice Award in the General Environmental category. The walk precedes the PROSPECTS AGM on the same evening. Meet at Thornyholme Road, Accrington BB5 5BB near Accrington Cricket Club. The walk will go around Whinney Hill looking at work carried out by PROSPECTS and Woody, including woodland thinning, new paths and other improvements across the site. Wear suitable footwear, bring waterproof clothing and dress for the predicted weather on the evening. More information from Roger Plum, 01254 230348, 07974 626835 or email roger.plum@prospectsfoundation.org.uk.

Wednesday, 30th May
Times TBC

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. Details of the 19th AGM 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 mike.stapleford@prospectsfoundation.org.uk

Wednesday, 30th May
12:30pm to 3:00pm

HALF-TERM PHOTOGRAPHY WALK with Adrian Barber - Photographer/Filmmaker with a history of working in social documentary and community arts. Take a walk on The Greenway with Adrian Barber and Roger Plum of PROSPECTS. Explore Woodnook Vale and Hollins Wood, look for signs of Spring and develop your nature photography skills. All ages and experience welcome. You will gather together at the end of the walk at the Training Centre in Oakhill Park to look at your photographs and share learning. No previous experience necessary. You will need to bring your own camera or use the camera on your phone. The walk includes some steps and uneven ground but otherwise level. The walk, with stops for photography and exploration, will take approximately 2 hours. The event will be held at Woodnook Vale, and Oak Hill Park, Accrington. Meet at the footpath entrance to the left of Hollins School, Hollins Lane, Baxenden BB5 2QY For more information phone Roger Plum, 01254 230348, 07974 626835 or email roger.plum@prospectsfoundation.org.uk. These walks are always popular so please reserve a place with Roger. This event is held in partnership with Mid Pennine Arts under their 'Scenic Route' programme

The East Lancashire Strategic Cycleway network (NCN6) is made possible by government funding and is led by our partners at Lancashire County Council. Mid Pennine Arts under their 'Scenic Route' programme is working with PROSPECTS and local communities on raising awareness of the cycleway project and its benefits, asking for ideas for features along the routes, and possible future links. This includes 'Explorer Days' where visitors can enjoy free art activities. A competition to rename National Cycle Route 6 has also been launched. Please visit Mid Pennine Arts website for details on the work that has taken place so far and further planned events for the rest of 2017.
More information @ http://midpenninearts.org.uk/programmes/scenic-route/
**WINDFALL FUND Case study**
The Lancashire Wildlife Trust has just been successful in securing a Windfall grant towards extending their Plan Bee project into Hyndburn. The Plan Bee project seeks to increase knowledge in and awareness of a wide range of pollinators in Lancashire Wildlife Trust’s area. The project will undertake volunteer led surveys of pollinators including solitary bees, bumblebees, hoverflies, sawflies and butterflies in upland areas of Hyndburn around Accrington, Baxenden and Oswaldtwistle Moor. The survey data collected will be fed into ongoing national surveys and will also help to inform management recommendations for landowners. The Project Officer, Ben Hargreaves, is looking for volunteers to help with the survey work from the beginning of May onwards. If anyone is interested then please get in touch!

The pictures show Ben Hargreaves discussing the value of insects to food growing during an insect hunt which was part of the Rewilding Hyndburn’s Green Spaces project in 2017.

**CHECK UPDATES TO THIS MAY NEWSLETTER HERE –**
http://www.prospectsfoundation.org.uk/events/activities.html

**VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES**
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.

**VISIT** http://www.prospectsfoundation.org.uk/volunteering.html

**Conservation Rangers** needed to Connect People to Woodnook Vale and Peel Park/The Coppice
To find out the who, what, when, where and how phone Roger Plum, 01254 230348, 07974 626835 or email roger.plum@prospectsfoundation.org.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.

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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