

AUGUST 2017 – WHAT'S ON (some SEPTEMBER 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**



Monday 14th & 21st August
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 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 86 projects - 18 Mini Projects, 30 Small projects and 38 Large projects - totalling over £385,000.

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. 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.

Email: Julie.livesey@prospectsfoundation.org.uk. Phone 01254 230348 Etn: 208



Tuesday, 1st, 15th and 29th August

10:00am to 1:00pm approx.

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

Plus Tues 5th & 19th September

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.

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>Tuesday, 1st, 8th 15th, 22nd & 29th August</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>Wednesday, 2nd August</p> <p>10:00am to 3:00pm</p>	<p>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 the entrance to Peel Park at the top of 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</p>
<p>Thursday, 3rd August and Friday 4th August</p> <p>10:00am to 4:00pm</p>	<p>FOREST GARDEN COURSE – The practical course covers: * designing and planning Forest Gardens with Tomas Remiarz. Tomas has been involved in creating and maintaining forest gardens across the UK and Europe for nearly 20 years.</p> <p>A forest garden is a place where nature and people meet halfway--between the canopy of trees and the soil underfoot. It doesn't have to look like a forest: what's important is that natural processes are allowed to unfold, to the benefit of plants, people and other creatures. The result is an edible ecosystem. To BOOK contact: Julie Livesey, Rewilding Hyndburn's Green Spaces Coordinator, Tel: 01254 230348 Etn: 208 Mobile: 07799 295233. Email: Julie.livesey@prospectsfoundation.org.uk</p>
<p>Saturday, 5th & 19th August</p> <p>10:00am to 1:00pm</p> <p>Plus 2nd & 16th September</p>	<p>Arts & Crafts @ PROSPECTS - Join our Saturday sessions. In August and September 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.sharpley@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, 7th, 14th & 21st August</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 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 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>Friday, 11th, 18th & 25th August</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>Monday, 14th August</p> <p>10:00am to 2:00pm</p>	<p>ENHANCING A WILDFLOWER MEADOW, Growing Wild allotment, Baxenden. Collecting seeds and seed heads outside in a local meadow, sorting seed, restoration of a meadow, potting seeds/propagation training and planting wildflower plugs with Phil Reddell, Lancashire Wildlife Trust, South Pennines Grasslands Project Officer. The course includes a short 0.7k walk to a nearby meadow – please wear suitable clothing and footwear for rough ground. "Wildflower meadows are vital habitats for birds, butterflies, bees and other wildlife. It is crucial action is taken to restore these endangered habitats and create new species-rich grasslands." To BOOK 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>Friday, 18th August</p> <p>10:00am</p>	<p>NATURE & PHOTOGRAPHY WALK - Woodnook Vale & Priestley Clough Walk. A circular walk through Platts, Lodge, Woodnook Vale, Rothwell Heights and Priestley Clough covering woodland, heathland and the wetland either side of the steep-sided river valley of Woodnook Water. Platt's Lodge, with its wildlife is adjacent to Hyndburn Greenway. Priestley Clough is an ancient woodland that has been wooded since 1600. We will include the hillside to Rothwell Heights at Willows Lane and part of Bullough Park meadow. We will meet and start from the cycle path on Ormerod Street near HBC offices and the roundabout. Grid Ref: SD758283. 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>To join the walk turn up on the day or contact Barbara Sharples by email barbara.sharples@prospectsfoundation.org.uk.</p>
<p>Saturday, 19th August</p> <p>10:00am to 3:00pm</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>Wednesday, 23rd August</p> <p>4:00pm to 6:00pm</p>	<p>*Wildlife Watch. 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>

SURVEY

Naming of the NCN6 cycle way which goes through Hyndburn (Woodnook Vale). Have your say. Please take part in the survey. Please find below the link to a survey monkey survey on the naming of the cycleway. <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NM3S2XG>

COMING SOON IN SEPTEMBER – BOOK NOW TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT –

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

Early September 10:00 – 4:00pm	PERMACULTURE – An Introduction to Permaculture course by a member of the Permaculture Association. 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. For more information contact: Julie Livesey, Rewilding Hyndburn's Green Spaces Coordinator, Tel: 01254 230348 Etn: 208 Mobile: 07799 295233. Email: Julie.livesey@prospectsfoundation.org.uk
Wednesday, 6th September 10:00am	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 .
13th September 7:00pm	*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/



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 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!

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.

£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.

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.



TRAINING

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.

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 ways 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

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



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