



Annual Report 2012

The PROSPECTS Foundation

Hyndburn's community-owned environmental charity

The PROSPECTS Foundation is an environmental charity, established by Hyndburn people in 1998, to help improve the quality of life for all Hyndburn communities and contribute local-level solutions to wider environmental problems. We achieve this through a supported network of groups and by working in innovative ways with a diverse range of organisations and partners for environmental, social and economic benefits.

Our Mission

To be the key movement in Hyndburn for environmental sustainability and to use our collective knowledge, skills, work and experience to secure this for current and future generations.

Our Values:

- We value our environment, both local and global, and respect its uniqueness and fragility.
- We are committed to the principle of environmental sustainability.
- We act as a catalyst for positive environmental change.
- We believe in working collaboratively for our environment.
- We believe that local people acting in their own right or collectively can reduce their carbon footprints by changing their behaviour and practices.
- We are a people based organisation which is rooted in local communities.
- We seek to work for the benefit of all communities both present and future.
- We believe everyone has a positive contribution to make and we are committed to equality of opportunity for all.
- We work ethically.

Our Themes of Sustainability

We focus on projects which meet our Themes of Sustainability. These themes take account of both the local and global environment, and contribute to the mitigation of climate change.

Biodiversity – Protecting and enhancing local wildlife and plant life

Energy – Home and community energy efficiency and use of renewables

Sustainable Transport – Encouraging cycling, walking and public transport

Waste and Recycling – Reducing, reusing and recycling our waste; and

Local Food – Growing more local, organic, healthy food, grown by the community for the community

Environmental Awareness – Spreading the message and encouraging individual and organisational action.

Chairman's Introduction

This report is once again a demonstration of what can be achieved through the effort of volunteers and staff with a commitment to the environment. It is testament to the principle of community action at the local level.

In 2012 we saw the Rio+20 Earth Summit. The original Earth Summit in 1992 was the event that prompted movements like PROSPECTS all over the world, many of which have continued and thrived.



The 2012 summit however was more like a damp squib. Overshadowed by the global economic crisis, events in the Middle East and the Olympics, it barely made the news. No new policy commitments by national governments were made and nothing was created that would be of significance to local communities. The casual observer could be forgiven for thinking that climate change, habitat loss and poverty in the developing world had “gone away”.

United Nations figures indicate however that during the intervening twenty years global carbon emissions have increased by 40%, habitat loss has increased by 30% and one sixth of the world's population is malnourished. And 2012 was the year in which it emerged that the summer Arctic sea ice has shrunk to its smallest extent since records began. So what has been achieved?

Clearly not enough!

It is often argued that in times of financial difficulty it is harder to do anything about the environment, but I do not believe that. Sometimes it is used as an excuse for inaction but, with the right approach, difficulties can be the spur for creative problem solving.

At the national and international level it has been proven that in the long term by far the costliest course is to do too little.

At the local level, this report shows what can be done by individuals and community groups. Through PROSPECTS initiatives over the past year or so, much has been achieved, sometimes by people in very difficult circumstances. Sometimes the volunteering effort can be part of the solution to personal problems. It is a difficult message to get across - and decision makers often seem to miss the point - but nothing matters more than the environment because we all depend on it for life.

However, I also believe that PROSPECTS has some way to go to achieve its full potential and there is much more to be done. The tasks are to keep environmental issues in public view, to mobilise that community spirit and to inspire people to give their time, thought and effort.

I see it as my role to ensure in coming months that these are the priorities for the organisation of which I am proud to be Chairman.

Phil Barwood

Chairman

Recent Achievements

- During our financial year from November 2011 to October 2012 we recorded 13,513 hours of volunteer time given by local people to PROSPECTS projects, valued at £101,348 in kind contribution.
- As always, our **PROSPECTS Panels** continue to work tirelessly in their local communities. The groups, based in Baxenden, Church, Clayton-le-Moors with Altham, Great Harwood, Huncoat, Oswaldtwistle and Rishton, continue to identify and develop new community projects whilst maintaining existing ones. Our Panel/Forum volunteers provide the backbone of the charity and we are extremely grateful for their support. Thank you.
- Our **Nature Walks in Hyndburn** programme started in January 2010 and continues to be a great success with large numbers of people attending organised training events, walks and the annual Walking Festival. Events have included the Monday Volunteer Conservation group and continued work at the Millennium Baby Woodland, Priestley Clough and Sparth Road woodland. In addition, through the programme, PROSPECTS now has a 'Forest Schools' practitioner which opens up many new potential educational opportunities with local schools.
- The success of our **Cultivate Community Food-Growing** was reflected in the funder, NHS East Lancashire, deciding to continue funding for an additional year after the initial funding period came to a close. This means the post is funded to at least the end of March 2013. The programme continued to provide training, access and activities to encourage people across Hyndburn to grow food with the aim of promoting better health, a more active lifestyle and social interaction.
- **Local Food**, another food growing programme, started in January 2012 and is funded for 3 years by the Big Lottery. Whereas Cultivate is borough-wide, Local Food concentrates on specific areas in Accrington, namely Meadoway and Woodnook. Already, the programme is proving very successful in terms of the number of people and groups attending training events and learning about growing food. The programme also includes the renovation of extensive work on both allotment sites including community spaces where growers can come and grow together.
- Under our **Social Enterprise Development Initiative** we continued to support existing enterprises established under the 3 year programme as well as helping to establish new ones. These include the One Planet shop, Woody, support for Hyndburn Used Furniture Store, the Hyndburn Bees project and establishing a development group for the Community Benefit Wind Turbine proposal. One of the key points during the year was the establishment of Woody in March as a 'Community Interest Company'. Since then Woody has started to tender for, and win, woodland management contracts in Hyndburn.
- Towards the end of the year our '**Community Response to Climate Change**' programme finished but leaves behind a legacy of successful initiatives that involved local people developing their own low carbon and sustainability projects. These included the Rocket Composter project in association with the local college, support for Hands on Huncoat Station, an orchard project with local schools, support for the Hyndburn Bees scheme, further educational work in schools with our Thermal Imaging Camera and support for the County Council's Healthy Streets initiative in Great Harwood.
- Looking ahead, we are very excited about the launch of the new **Windfall Fund** that will take place in early 2013. The fund is provided by **EnergieKontor**, who have built the new wind farm on Oswaldtwistle Moor. As part of an agreement with EnergieKontor, PROSPECTS will receive an amount in excess of £100,000 each year for the next 25 years. This amount is to be used to support local community groups in the delivery of sustainability projects. A real windfall for environmental work in Hyndburn!
- In addition to the above programmes and activity behind the scenes further development work took place with regard to the **Environmental Business Park** on land the charity owns at Coach Road Meadows. In addition, we also established sub groups, made up of trustees, to review our Governance and **Human Resources** procedures.

Huncoat Community Forum

The Huncoat Peace Garden (picture right) is now complete and mature with members regularly tending to the plants and shrubs to keep the facility in prime condition. The Forum also organised a Green Spaces Survey concentrating on the use made by the public of the playing fields, Spout House Woodland and adjacent countryside to inform future decisions and development.

Forum members supported the 'Blooming Lovely' project by the Hyndburn Green Spaces Forum. This was to plant thousands of crocus bulbs to provide early Spring colour. Members dug and planted many of those in Huncoat by hand.

A small dedicated team continues to have 'Hands on Huncoat Station' (left). This is a scheme to improve and maintain the appearance of the local railway station. Many compliments have been paid by passengers and rail users and one of the team stalwarts John Russell received the Prospector of the Year Award for his role in the project.

The Panel is also fostering greater community awareness and involvement in Spout House Woodland with the erection of a PROSPECTS Oak Post and wildlife interpretation boards.

Three other projects are being investigated for feasibility. A path up to the war memorial, floral beds by the village stocks and expanded plantations to the woodland.



Baxenden Community Forum

The Forum participated in the PROSPECTS 'Nature Walks Week' in 2011 by organising the Jubilee Walk and also a Bat Walk, which was lead by Forum member and Wycollar Country Park Volunteer Ranger, Roger Cunliffe. Roger also led the Forum's 2nd Fungi Walk. (bottom left)

The Forum was also involved with the Hyndburn Green Spaces Project 'Blooming Lovely' planting crocus bulbs by the Public car park on Manchester Road, outside Hollins School and in Haworth Park with the assistance of Baxenden Primary school children and young people from The Hollins Technology College.

The Forum also carried out a litter pick, balsam clearing and woodland management in Woodnook Vale and Hollins Wood.

Finally, over the last few years the forum has been working with Hyndburn Borough Council and the Haworth Art Gallery on the 'Coming up Roses' project (bottom right) to replace the Rose Garden in Haworth Park. Grants were received from the Lottery Community Spaces, Lancashire Environmental Fund and council grants. Local people have also been approached to sponsor the roses.



Great Harwood PROSPECTS Panel

The Panel has spent a lot of time and effort this year working on two woodland sites in Great Harwood, Edge End and Harwood Bar. Thanks to a Green Partnership Award, agreed by Hyndburn Green Spaces Forum, funding was secured to pay for footpath improvements at Harwood Bar (right). In addition the group has installed bird boxes and carried out coppicing during the last 12 months. There is further hard landscaping in progress and the group will be taking part in a hedgelaying project in the coming winter.

Over at Edge End Wood (bottom) improvements to the footpath through the site were completed and the group also carried out some coppicing and small tree felling to reduce the number of trees in certain areas to reduce competition between trees and to allow more ground level species to flourish. As



at Harwood Bar, Ian McTurk has installed bird boxes and the group has also created more deadwood bunds, both within and on the perimeter, of the site.

In addition to the woodland work, to celebrate the Tree Council's Walk in the Woods month the Panel organised a walk of the 4-mile Lidgett Walk from the Walking the Paths of Great Harwood Civic Society booklet. The walk took place in May, was well attended, and was led by Nigel Brookes.



Clayton-le-Moors with Altham PROSPECTS Panel

'Wheels for All' was launched in June last year. The project involved improvements within the woodlands off Whalley Road opposite the Sparth House Hotel particularly improving access for those in wheelchairs. A sustainability grant has meant that further activities could take place in the woodland and these have included beech tree thinning, a nature hunt, bird box making, bulb planting and hedge laying. Art workshops have also taken place in the woodlands with an exhibition held in Clayton-le-Moors library during July 2012. The gateway entrance to the woodland at the corner of Whalley Road and Warwick Avenue has also been repainted.

In the Autumn of 2011 Panel volunteers assisted Hyndburn's Green Spaces Forum with crocus bulb planting on land opposite the Wellington public house and opposite the Hare and Hounds public house at the junction of Blackburn Road and Whalley Road.

On 9th June 2012 the Panel formally adopted, approximately, a one mile stretch of the Leeds and Liverpool Canal from Enfield Wharf to Pilkington Bridge. This followed the identification of a work programme by the Panel which had been discussed with British Waterways. With the demise of British Waterways the Panel is seeking to continue this work with the Canal and Rivers Trust. The photo shows Panel members at the launch on a typically wet summer's day.



Rishton Prospects Panel

The main project during the year has been a collaborative venture between the Panel, a local birdwatcher, Foundation staff and the Council's Parks Department to produce two Bird Information Boards for Cutwood Park, one each for woodland birds and water birds, of which about 30 of each can be seen at various times on the reservoir and in the Park woodland. Stunning associated artwork has taken some time to produce but installation should take place in October 2012. This project is being part funded by a Big Lottery grant from Awards for All.



The Panel are now also official adopters of a section of the Leeds and Liverpool Canal through the village under the new Canal and River Trust (was British Waterways) adoption scheme. In this way they hope to further enhance the improvement work they have been doing along the Canal towpath since the Panel's inception in 1996. This will complement the Panel's continuing efforts to make the railway station more attractive under Northern Rail's adoption scheme. One new venture in this respect is a project to use waste ground at the station for a local food growing initiative using raised beds. (picture left)

Church PROSPECTS Panel

As ever and despite appalling hit and miss weather, Church Panel were busy throughout the year - an estimated 1,856 volunteer hours.

We've seen our youngest Member (Elvis, aged 2 1/2) joining in – gorilla poppy planting, soil sifting, pinching tomatoes, generally getting mucky and having fun. Our eldest Member Joyce, celebrated a significant birthday too and in May 2012, our very own John & Jean Broadley became Mayor and Mayoress, with official Mayor Making on 2nd June. What a wonderful, memorable & significant year – Queens Diamond Jubilee and the Olympics.

Church Panel has also linked in with Incredible Edibles Accrington, supporting them by growing edible flowers, with the construction of planters on Accrington Railway Station and in Oakhill Park with the Alice in Wonderland themed garden. Cath Holmes helped lead the way on the "No to the Allotment Rent Rises Campaign" with Baxenden Allotments & Gardens Society. Cath now Chairs the Hyndburn Federation of Allotments, working closely with the National Society of Allotment & Leisure Gardeners, PROSPECTS, the



Borough Council and the Allotments Officer.

Several of the Panel also attended an 'Introduction to Bee Keeping' course at Heaton Park, Manchester, which was thoroughly enjoyed and taught us you need at least 12 months training/mentoring to do justice to looking after bees responsibly. There was a trip out too – a cruise – on the Manchester Ship Canal. A long, but fascinating day, with lots of wildlife, interesting things to look at, engineering and history. A marvellous time was had by all.



Oswaldtwistle PROSPECTS Panel

The Oswaldtwistle Panel continues to concentrate the majority of its energy and effort around two key sites in Oswaldtwistle, Tinker Brook and Coach Road Meadows. The site at Tinker Brook continues to be well looked after in partnership with Lancashire Care who use it as an outreach site for clients with disabilities. The site is used weekdays by up to a dozen clients who grow food and generally have a good time working with Alastair and Jane from Lancashire Care. From the Panel, Simon continues to look after the welfare of the pond.



Meanwhile, over at Coach Road, the 11-acre site, which is owned by PROSPECTS, is earmarked for as an environmental business park. Unfortunately, a lot of effort during the year was spent on trying to have horses removed from the site. Towards the end of the year we held a consultation event at Oswaldtwistle Mills with local residents and stakeholders. The intention is to use the information and views from this event to help inform the development at Coach Road.

More Volunteer Photos



Nature Walks In Hyndburn

The PROSPECTS Forest Schools



PROSPECTS Foundation is now officially a Forest School as a staff member has completed training to become a qualified practitioner. Sessions have been held at Sparth Road Woodland with Mount Pleasant Primary School and at the Millennium Baby Woodland with Accrington Academy Nurture Group. The aim of Forest Schools is not only to engage children and young people with wildlife and woodland environments but to encourage them to develop holistically by improving social and physical skills, intelligence, creativity and social and emotional awareness.

Millennium Baby Woodland

The Nature Walks in Hyndburn has enjoyed a good year of project work with the horticulture students from Accrington and Rossendale College. They have been studying the woodland and learning how to carry out various aspects of woodland management. By following the management plan for the woodland, the group have learnt why we sometimes need to fell trees, been taught the skills to fell a tree safely, plant a hedgerow, tree identification and how to use felled timber to create dead hedges.



Priestley Clough Riverside Walk



A new circular route has been created through Priestley Clough Biological Heritage Site (BHS) in Woodnook. This new riverside walk links up with the cycle route along Woodnook Vale and is pushchair and tramper/mobility scooter accessible. Nature Walks in Hyndburn has contributed towards the project financially enabling the Lancashire Wildlife Trust to manage the improvement work with contractors and volunteers.

Training

6 volunteers have now been trained in strimmer use and maintenance with 2 volunteers trained in brushcutter use and maintenance. 6 volunteers have also been trained in emergency first aid. Informal training on expert led walks has taken place, including bat walks, food foraging, wildflower, tree and fungi identification.



Nature Walks In Hyndburn

Monday Volunteer Group

The regular Monday volunteer sessions have been taking place for 2 years and are very well attended by volunteers. The conservation sessions take place at Woodnook Vale and Peel Park, both are areas which are hoped to be designated as Local Nature Reserves in the near future. Management plans for both sites are followed and various tasks are carried out from meadow and woodland management to path improvements and tree planting. We have a diverse group of volunteers with retired, unemployed and adults with learning and mental health difficulties all working together to achieve environmental improvements which will contribute towards Local Nature Reserve designations.



Sparth Road Woodland - Wheels For All

PROSPECTS has been helped to formulate and complete an access improvement project at Sparth Road Woodlands in Clayton-le-Moors. Involving Clayton with Altham PROSPECTS Panel, Groundwork Pennine Lancashire, Cycling Projects, Hyndburn Borough Council and Lancashire County Council; the aim of the project was to resurface a figure of 8 route to be used by a disabled cycling group as an alternative to using Wilsons running track. The access improvements have also made the woodland more accessible for pushchairs and wheelchairs. New interpretation boards have been installed and PROSPECTS were involved with wood carving workshops to create artworks with the help of young people.



Supporting PROSPECTS Panels

The Nature Walks in Hyndburn project continues to support the work of the PROSPECTS Panels:

- **Rishton** – Bird interpretation boards for Cut Wood Park
- **Great Harwood** - Edge End Wood project
- **Huncoat** – Bird and tree interpretation boards for Spout House Woodland
- **Clayton** - Sparth Road Woodland and Canal Adoption
- **Baxenden** – Woodnook Vale volunteer activities

The Nature Walks in Hyndburn programme is funded by the Big Lottery, and administered on their behalf, by Natural England. We would like to thank the Big Lottery and Natural England for their support in delivering this programme.



Cultivate



The NHS funded Cultivate programme continues to go from strength to strength. The aim of the Cultivate programme is to promote better health (physical, mental and social) in our communities by improving access to good food, encouraging more active lifestyles and offering opportunities for social interaction.

During the year Cultivate had 537 attendances at the various food growing events and sessions. Those attending included volunteers from the 'One Planet Planters', a group now in its third year of operation as a volunteer 'labour force' setting up food growing projects in central Accrington and helping other groups/individuals in schools, on allotments and community food growing groups.



Above - Students from Accrington & Rossendale College help tidy up bramble fencing at Meadowway allotments



Above - Seed sowing and planting herbs, veg, salads and edible flowers in containers at The Base Day Care Centre, Great Harwood



Above - Huncoat Station volunteers planting strawberries in a new raised bed

Just Some Of The Events Cultivate Have Been Involved With Include:

- In August 2011 we held Hyndburn's first ever 'Allotment Week' with activities taking place on the Heys and Meadowway allotment sites. Over 120 people attended events.
- Working with local schools/colleges including St. Christopher's School, Accrington & Rossendale College, St. Mary's RC primary school, Baxenden St. John's primary school and Broadfield Specialist School.
- We gave out 30 backyard herb kits and instructions at Portland Street community centre to Asian heritage residents.
- We attended the launch meeting of Accrington's very own Incredible Edibles group.
- Meeting with residents at Rosebank Community Garden and Village Green to discuss the planning and installation of new raised beds for planting herbs and edible flowers on the Green
- A presentation about PROSPECTS was given to pupils at St. Johns and St. Augustine's Primary school who produced an advert about PROSPECTS for the local Schools Radio Advert competition.
- Organic Food Growing Training in fruit, veg, herb and edible flower growing in pots and containers has taken place at 'The Base' Day Care Centre in Great Harwood.

Volunteer activities have also included

- Clearing the site at Huncoat Primary School allotment in preparation for vegetable growing with parents volunteering from the school and volunteers from the college.
- Planting strawberries with local volunteers to a new food growing raised bed at Huncoat station.
- Planting a fruity hedgerow at Accrington station with One Planet Planters.

Local Food



In January 2012, a new food growing programme started called Local Food. Whereas our Cultivate programme is a borough-wide initiative, Local Food concentrates on two specific areas of Accrington, Meadowway allotments in Church and Woodnook allotments in the Barnfield ward.

In the first 6 months of the programme alone there were 469 attendances at the various food growing sessions totaling 529 volunteer hours. At both sites there have been fruit hedge and tree planting sessions. In addition the NHS have been utilising the new easy access beds at Meadowway to run their 'Veg Out' growing sessions.

We have also worked with Milnshaw Residents' Association, and Councillor Paul Cox, to install two public growing beds in Milnshaw Park. We then delivered two planting sessions in the park with local schools, Accrington Academy and St Mary Magdalen primary school. Since then Accrington Academy has created a new growing area within their grounds and intend to extend this further as it has proven to be an engaging way of teaching their nurture classes.

During Spring, we also managed to persuade the 'Perspectives of Pennine Lancashire Explore Programme' to centre their Accrington project around allotments and to base it in the historic Market Hall. This helped to promote allotments, and food growing in particular, to a much wider audience.

The 'One Planet Planters', continue their good work and amongst other things, constructed raised beds for Norden High School and at Rishton train station. The group also helped to pave the polytunnel at Belfield Road community garden in the Woodnook area. One member of the group now also produces a monthly newsletter entirely under their own steam. They have also transformed the derelict site behind the One Planet Shop.

Other events have included delivering a well received food growing talk at Great Harwood library and a half-term food growing activity at the local children centre in partnership with our Cultivate programme.

Finally, the drug referral agency Inward House have begun food growing in their residential grounds with Local Food support and disabled residents at Rough Lee Care Home in Woodnook have also enjoyed food growing lessons and a new growing area in their grounds.

The Local Food programme is funded by the Big Lottery, and administered on their behalf, by the Royal Society for Wildlife Trusts.



Above - A training session at Meadowway Allotments



Above - A 'Veg Out' training session at Meadowway



Above - Potato planting with clients at Rough Lee care home in Accrington

Social Enterprise Development

During the year our Social Enterprise programme continued to support existing enterprises set up under the programme whilst also working to develop new ones.

Over the course of the year the programme worked with 338 volunteers, involving 110 individuals. The volunteer involvement amounted to 1,100 hours with a voluntary value (at £7.50 per hour) of over £8,400 towards the programme. The majority of this volunteer support was involved in supporting the One Planet shop and helping to establish our new woodland management enterprise, Woody (Hyndburn) C.I.C. During the year One Planet had its first birthday party and Woody was incorporated as a Community Interest Company. Both significant occasions for the programme.

One Planet

One Planet continues to establish itself as an ethical retail shop at 54 Abbey Street in Accrington and now has 112 members from the local community and wider afield. The shop is run by a part-time shop manager who is supported by a group of volunteers who help in all aspects of the shop from organising events, publicity, website management, stock control to serving customers in the shop.



The shop held its anniversary event at Oswaldtwistle Civic Arts Centre in December and used the event to showcase all the activities and workshops that were provided through an Awards for All grant.

Woody



Woody was incorporated as a Community Interest Company (CIC) in March 2012. The company is run by a board of seven directors and works on a voluntary basis with external support bought in as and when required. The company has already taken on a number of contracts and trained up volunteers in chainsaws and charcoal production. The group continues to look for a base for the operation and aims to increase the number of products that can be produced from Hyndburn woodlands.

Community Benefit Wind Turbine

This enterprise will provide renewable energy from wind that will then be sold back to the 'grid'. Any profits made through 'Feed in Tariffs' will be ploughed back into the community. The initial idea is to look at a larger turbine with the option of additional smaller wind turbines in appropriate places. A development group was established during the year and worked on a funding bid to the The Co-operative Community Energy Challenge. Unfortunately the bid was unsuccessful but helped the group to agree the model of the new operation.

Local Food Production

This enterprise will grow local fruit and vegetables with the aim of providing produce that can then be sold as close as possible to its source. The enterprise will work towards organic principles and will offer employment, training and volunteering opportunities within the community. This enterprise idea is currently on hold whilst other 'more developed' ideas are being progressed.

Social Enterprise Development

Hyndburn Used Furniture Store

As part of the programme we continue to have an active involvement in Hyndburn Used Furniture Store (HUFS), a furniture re-use charity based in central Accrington. HUFS collects donated and unwanted furniture and white goods and then redistributes them, for a small charge, to people in need throughout the borough. The charity has been going through tough times as it strives to evolve from grant support to being an entirely commercial operation.



About our Social Enterprise Programme

The programme was initially funded by the Big Lottery's Fair Share fund and is based around the priority wards of Barnfield, Church, Central, Peel and Spring Hill in Accrington. Through consultation, the programme identified 16 potential social enterprises for further development. With the help of an 'Assessment Panel' made up of representatives from the local charity, voluntary and business sector four ideas were selected to be set up as new enterprises.

These were; One Planet (Accrington) Limited; A Community Benefit Wind Turbine, a Woodland Management enterprise and a Local Food production enterprise. In addition it was agreed to continue our support of Hyndburn Used Furniture Store, an existing social enterprise based in central Accrington.

The programme is funded by the Big Lottery's Fair Share fund and is administered by the Community Foundation for Lancashire. In addition, further funding was secured from Comic Relief, again through the Community Foundation. Additional funding was also secured to support the specific enterprises / projects from Lancashire Woodlands Project, D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust and the Co-operative Membership Community Fund.



Community Response To Climate Change

Rocket Composter



The Rocket Composter, on loan from Church Prospects Panel, is running well at Accrington and Rossendale College. With the help of a grant PROSPECTS obtained from Global Renewables the College have purpose-built a house for the composter with holding bays for the compost produced. Staff at the college have received training and all solid kitchen waste is now being processed into compost.

Hands On Huncoat Station

The Hands on Huncoat Station group has now grown to five regular members and the station often receives praise from railway staff and passengers and is described as an asset to the line. Church & Oswaldtwistle Station is now being kept tidy by students from Rhyddings Business and Enterprise School with their volunteer hours contributing to their Duke of Edinburgh Awards.



Oswaldtwistle School Orchard

With the help of a Green Partnership Award a community orchard is being planted at the front of Oswaldtwistle School comprising of 16 assorted fruit trees selected for the East Lancashire climate.

Bees For Hyndburn



The Bees for Hyndburn project took off this year with funding help from Hyndburn Borough Council and Green Partnership Awards. Twelve volunteers have so far been trained in beekeeping and the first hive of bees is located at Gatty Park. Workshops were held in spring to construct further hives. The project is hopes to progress to eight hives in 2012/13 and hives will also be located at Oakhill Park, Haworth Art Gallery and Memorial Park.

Thermal imaging Camera

The thermal imaging camera continues to be popular and has been used by pupils at St Mary's Primary, Norden High School and Accrington Academy, as well as local residents to identify where heat loss from buildings might be tackled to save energy.

Healthy Streets

PROSPECTS is the lead partner in Lancashire County Council's Healthy Streets Programme in Great Harwood linking into the new 20mph zones and promoting walking and cycling. Workshops have been held in both St John's and Our Lady & St Hubert's Primary Schools. In these, the children have discovered the personal and environmental benefits of walking and cycling and also how many times they need to walk around their playgrounds in order to walk a mile.

The Climate Change programme is funded by the Tudor Trust and the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation.

Windfall

The PROSPECTS Foundation is delighted to announce that it will be developing and administering the new Windfall Fund which will be up and running from April 2013 onwards.

The Windfall Fund has been established from proceeds from the new 12 turbine Hyndburn wind farm on Oswaldtwistle Moor.

The new 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 will be 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 will be available for environmental projects in Hyndburn for at least the next 20 years!

Whilst the Fund details are still being developed, it is anticipated that the Fund will have two strands; one for smaller projects with grants up to £2,000 and one for larger projects with no upper grant limit. The Windfall Fund will be available to any not for private profit organisation in Hyndburn including community groups, charities, community interest companies and social enterprises.



All groups/organisations wanting to apply will have to be formally constituted and have their own bank account. There will be several closing dates for applications throughout each year and all potential projects will have to fit under at least one of PROSPECTS's 6 themes of sustainability. The idea is to try and attract other sources of match funding for the projects which will significantly increase the value of the Fund and the amount of money being brought into the Borough.

We will be looking for projects which will improve environmental sustainability within Hyndburn, increase awareness of environmental issues and of course deliver good value for money!

Ideas for potential projects include: woodland management/planting; stream clearance; community composting; promotion of real nappies; recycling of old bikes; energy efficiency in community buildings; community allotments; and renewable energy generation.

So start thinking about what could be done in your area and if you have an idea for a project then contact the Windfall Fund Co-ordinator for further advice and details.



Development Work



Our Management Committee of voluntary Trustees

This is a busy time for the PROSPECTS Foundation. Under-funding for core costs in recent years left us with a back-log of important development work to carry out. Now our Charity Development Manager post is fully funded, the Trustees are focusing on matters that will help ensure the future sustainability of the PROSPECTS movement in Hyndburn. We have never had so many sub-committees!

Important issues the Trustees are currently focusing on include:

- Setting up the Windfall Community Benefit Fund, a new source of grants for Sustainable Development projects in Hyndburn which we will administer on behalf of EnergieKontor;
- Development of our charity-owned land at Coach Road Meadows to benefit both local people and the Charity;
- Reviewing our governance structure, to ensure it better reflects the groups and volunteers we work with;
- Demonstrating impact, both with an external evaluation of our work, and by developing new impact assessment tools to measure our social, environmental and economic outcomes;
- Human Resources: reviewing and updating all our policies and procedures;
- Review of our core purpose, future direction and activities;
- Sorting our accommodation needs.
- Securing funding for future projects.

We are very grateful to the LankellyChase Foundation, Tudor Trust and Lancashire County Council for their funding support with this important development work.



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