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HYDNBURN NATURE RESERVES NEWSLETTER

The Hyndburn's Nature Reserves Project is aiming to improve biodiversity and accessibility at Peel Park & the Coppice LNR, Woodnook Vale LNR, and Jackhouse nature reserve. Join PROSPECTS for a variety of conservation activities to improve your conservation & heritage skills, meet new people, and keep fit!

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Upcoming volunteer sessions:

Weekly @Peel Park & the Coppice LNR [PPC]
(Every Monday 10am-1pm, meet in the car park next to the bowling green)

- Monday 6th - **NO SESSION** (*bank holiday*)
- Monday 13th - Scything and Injurious Weed Removal
- Monday 20th - Wildflower Planting & Sowing
- Monday 27th - Pleck Meadow Mgmt

@Jackhouse nature reserve [JCK] - 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month, 10am-1pm:

- Wednesday 1st - **NO SESSION**
 - Wednesday 8th (6pm) - **Bulb Planting**
- Wednesday 15th - Meadow Mgmt

@Woodnook Vale LNR [WNK] - 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month, 10am-1pm:

- Wednesday 8th - Bulb Planting @Royd's St
- Wednesday 22nd - **NO SESSION**

@PROSPECTS COMMUNITY TREE NURSERY - Thursday 9th - Wildflower Potting Up & Spring Clean

Upcoming Events:

- Green Hairstreak & Emperor Moth Hunt** - Saturday 11th April | Meet @10am in the Coppice car park.
- Pleck Meadow Wildflower Sowing** - Sat 18th April | @10am-Noon (Drop-in, find us at Pleck Meadow!)
- Intro to Ponds** - Saturday 25th April (*Booking Required*)

"Friends Of" Sessions:

- Arden Hall Gate Cleaning w/ *Friends of Arden Hall & the Coppice*.
 - Thursday 22nd (6:30pm-8:00pm)** | Meet at Arden Hall gates | Social in the Peel Park Pub afterwards.

CONTACT ROBERT TO REGISTER INTEREST IN ANY SESSIONS OR EVENTS!

MARCH 2026 HIGHLIGHTS

March was a fantastic start to spring, with loads of queen bumblebees and butterflies waking up. Volunteers at the Coppice finished up the last of the heathland mgmt for the season and tackled non-native Rhododendron, whilst meadow mgmt began at Jackhouse & Woodnook. Dock removal and wildflower seed sowing should get the meadows into better shape!



1. Willow Coppicing @PPC



2. Hazel Hedgerow Planting @PPC



3. Rhododendron Removal @PPC



4. Seed Sowing @JCK



5. Robert's first butterfly photo of the year, Peacock @PPC



6. An unwelcome sign of spring, Himalayan Balsam seedlings! Stay tuned for balsam bashing sessions.

Send Robert any photos you take on the reserves in APRIL for a chance to be featured!