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HYNDBURN 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 Coppice Car Park* at the end of Peel Park Ave.

- Monday 3rd -
- Monday 10th -
- Monday 17th -
- Monday 24th -
- Monday 31st - **NO SESSION**

Balsam Bashing!

@Jackhouse nature reserve [JCK] - 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month, 10am-1pm, meet at main entrance on Pothouse Lane:

- Wednesday 5th - Balsam Bash & Big Butterfly Count
- Wednesday 19th - Balsam Bash

@Woodnook Vale LNR [WVK] - 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month, 10am-1pm, various meeting locations, look at the street in bold:

- Wednesday 12th - **GrOWING WILD** - Balsam Bash
- Wednesday 26th - **Hollins Lane** - Balsam Bash

@PROSPECTS COMMUNITY TREE NURSERY - Thursday 6th - Wildflower Care & Balsam Bash

Upcoming Events:

- Hyndburn Greenway Walk
 - Sunday 23rd Aug - 10am-12pm - Meet at Church and Oswaldtwistle Railway Station, ending at Haworth Art Gallery where there will be refreshments and crafting activities for families.
- Bullough Park Bug Hunt (10am-3pm) w/ Community TreeACTION
 - Tuesday 25th Aug - Meet at @Bullough Park Car Park, Dunny Shop Ave, Accrington, BB5 0LW

"Friends Of" Sessions:

- Balsam Bash w/ Friends of Arden Hall & the Coppice
 - Thursday 13th Aug (6.30pm-8.30pm) | Meeting location TBD | Social in the Peel Park Pub afterwards.
- Fortnightly Balsam Bash w/ Friends of Jackhouse (Meet at main Jackhouse entrance on Pothouse Lane)
 - Saturday 8th (10am-12pm)
 - Saturday 22nd (10am-12pm)

CONTACT ROBERT TO REGISTER INTEREST IN ANY SESSIONS OR EVENTS!

July 2026 HIGHLIGHTS

- Summer is in full swing with plenty of insect species being spotted at volunteer sessions and on the weekly UKBMS & BeeWalk transects.
- The HNR Vols and Friends of groups have been removing tonnes of Invasive Non-Native Himalayan Balsam across the reserves. Woody C.I.C. are helping at Jackhouse, and Benjamin Hargreaves Primary School's Year 3 and 4 also came to help out at Arden Hall.
- Volunteers helped to collect Bilberry and Yellow Rattle seeds at Peel Park & the Coppice to allow for their spread at other areas on the site as well as on other reserves.
- The Friends of Arden Hall & the Coppice committee visited the newly installed benches at the Coppice.



1. Balsam Removal @JCK



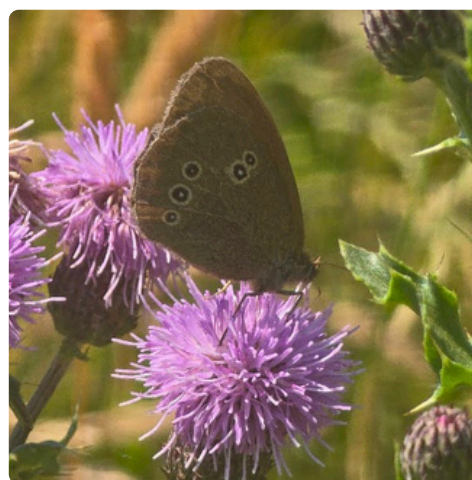
2. New Benches! @PPC



3. Collecting Bilberries @PPC



4. Smoothie Bike @St John's Fete!



5. Sign of summer! 100s of Ringlet butterflies across Hyndburn.



6. Volunteers are removing tonnes of Himalayan Balsam!