

SEPTEMBER 2026

HYNDBURN NATURE RESERVES NEWSLETTER



With thanks to players of the Postcode Lottery

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 7th - **Pleck Meadow Cut**
- Monday 14th - Montbretia Removal
- Monday 21st - Scything
- Monday 28th - **No Session**

EVERY MONDAY
10am-1pm

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

- Wednesday 2th - Balsam Bash
- Wednesday 16th - Meadow Mgmt

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

- Wednesday 9th - **GrOWING WILD** - Scything Day
- Wednesday 23rd - Royds St - Meadow Cut

@PROSPECTS COMMUNITY TREE NURSERY - Thursday 3rd - Wildflower Care & Balsam Bash

Upcoming Events:

- Stall at **Baxenden Allotments and Garden Society 72nd Annual Show @The Hollins Technology College**
 - Saturday 5th Sept - 2:45-4:30pm
- Scything @Milnshaw Park**
 - Tuesday 8th - 10am-3pm
- Bat Walk @Jackhouse**
 - Friday 11th Sept - 7:15pm - Meet at Jackhouse Entrance (Hoyle Bottom)
- Bat Walk @Woodnook Vale**
 - Friday 2nd Oct - 6:45pm - Meet at Alma Inn (Hollins Lane)

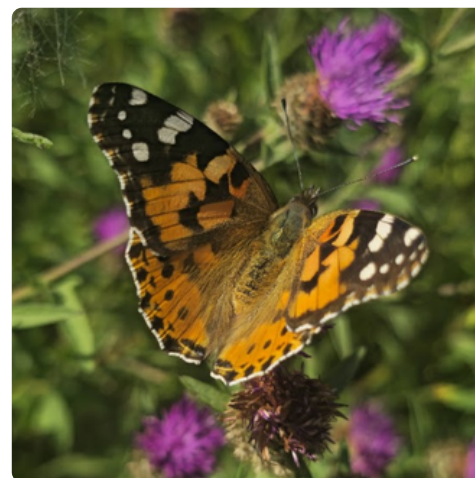
"Friends Of" Sessions:

- Seed Sowing w/ Friends of Arden Hall & the Coppice
 - Thursday 10th Sept (6.30pm-8:00pm)** | Meeting location Arden Hall | Social in the Peel Park Pub afterwards.

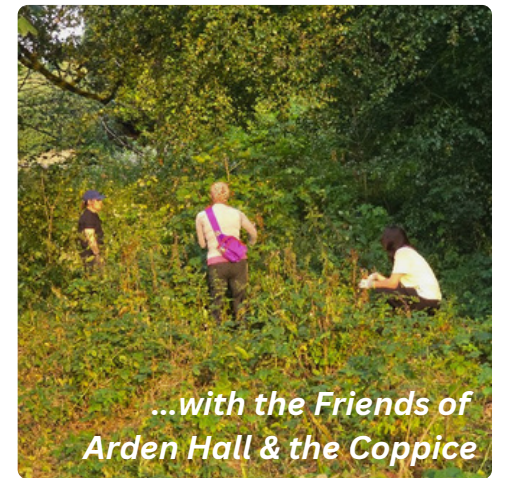
CONTACT ROBERT TO REGISTER INTEREST IN ANY SESSIONS OR EVENTS!

August 2026 HIGHLIGHTS

- Hot dry weather caused many wildflowers to go to seed early this year, leaving a lot of our meadows without many flowers.
- Hotter weather meant an influx of migrant butterflies such as Painted Lady.
- Jackhouse saw the return of the robomowers as they came to trim its meadows again! The cut and collect will improve conditions for a wider range of wildflowers next year.
- Our walk along the Hyndburn Greenway showed people the amazing wildlife growing along our historic railway sites.
- We did a big wildflower potting up day at the Tree Nursery, these wildflowers will be getting planted next spring.



1. Painted Lady @PPC



2. Wrapping up Balsam Bashing! ...with the Friends of Arden Hall & the Coppice



3. Robocut @JCK



4. Potting up @Tree Nursery



5. Our Hyndburn Greenway Walk!
Credit: Craig Rawcliffe



6. The HNR Vols were on BBC Radio Lancs! Check our FB page to find out more.