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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.

EVERY MONDAY 10am-1pm

- Monday 2nd - Pleck Meadow Tidy-up!
- Monday 9th - **NO SESSION**
- Monday 16th - Willow Coppicing
- Monday 23rd - Woodland Glade Tidy
- Monday 30th - Heathland Mgmt

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

- Wednesday 4th - Woodland Tidy
- Wednesday 18th - Willow Coppicing

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

- Weds 14th - **NO SESSION**
- Weds 28th - **Hollins Ln (GrOwING Wild)** - Tidy-up

- **@PROSPECTS COMMUNITY TREE NURSERY: Thursday 6th - Litter pick & Tidy-up**

Upcoming Events:

- ***Family Bulb Planting Day @Mount St/Nuttall St entrance to Woodnook Vale LNR -*** *Come along anytime between 10am - 3pm to help out!*
  - ***Saturday 28th November (10am - 3pm)***
- ***Christmas Crafts @Prospects Shop (6:30pm-8:00pm)***
  - ***Tuesday 24th November (Wreath Making)***
  - ***Tuesday 1st December (Wooden Reindeer Making)***
  - ***Tuesday 8th December (Xmas Tree Decorations)***

  Limited spaces, email to book!

"Friends Of" Sessions:

- **Willow Coppicing & Wreath-making** w/ Friends of Arden Hall & the Coppice
  - Coppicing - **Sunday 22nd Nov (9:00am-12:00pm)** | Meet at Avenue Parade entrance.
  - Wreath-making - **Wednesday 25th Nov (6:30pm-8pm) Email to book!**

CONTACT ROBERT TO REGISTER INTEREST IN ANY SESSIONS OR EVENTS!

October 2026 HIGHLIGHTS

- October saw the wrapping up of meadow management and balsam removal for the year. We've managed to cut and collect nearly 3ha of meadow, and clear over 4ha of balsam! That's around 10 football pitches. These areas get easier to manage each year, meaning we can get more done the next year.
- We held two half-term crafting events encouraging people to make natural and plastic-free autumnal and spooky decorations, like the pictured twig spider web!
- Our autumn walk at Arden Hall revealed a hidden world of fungi such as Artist's Bracket, puffballs, and the featured Jellybaby!
- We collected loads of Devil's-bit Scabious seeds which are an amazing late-flowering wildflower, we have now spread it across the reserves.



1. Jellybaby fungi @Arden Hall



2. Yellow Rattle Seed Sowing @WNK



3. Halloween Crafts!



4. Twig Spider Web Crafting!



5. Clearing bramble to free some Bilberry/Whimberry! @JCK



6. Devil's-bit Scabious wildflower seed-collecting at Slate Pits lodges, to spread across the reserves.