



Quarterly Progress Report



April – June 2021
Year 4 Quarter 1

Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership Team

Roles and Projects:

Scheme Manager: **Cathy Hopley**

- What's a Hill Worth
- Trainees

Community Engagement Officer: **Jayne Ashe**

- People Enjoying Nature
- Pendle Hill Fund
- Community Archaeology
- Volunteering and Learning

Outdoor Learning Officer: **Alison Cross** (seconded from Ernest Cook Trust)

- Volunteering and Learning

Farming and Wildlife Officer: **Sarah Robinson**

- Wild About Pendle Hill
- Farmer's Network
- Traditional Boundaries (capital works)

Countryside Access Officer: **Sarah Dornan**

- Access for All
- Volunteering and Learning

Business Support Officer: **Nichola Gill**

Graduate Trainee (2019/21): **Dom Hartley**

- Volunteering & Learning
- Access for All

AONB Sustainable Tourism Officer: **Hetty Byrne**

- Discover Pendle Hill
- Interpretation

- Environment Co-ordinator at In-Situ for The Gatherings: **Sophie Mahon & Calum Bayne**
- Project Manager at Mid Pennine Arts for The Radicals: **Nick Hunt & Shonagh Ingram**
- Woodlands Project officer at Ribble Rivers Trust for Pendle WINNS: **Kristina Graves**
- Project Co-ordinator at DSWA for Traditional Boundaries: **Linda Clarkson** (training)

The Environment

Restoring Traditional Boundaries

Restoration contracts

On the capital restoration side of things, the main area of work this quarter has been in putting together a scheme for walling and hedgerow restoration work to put forward as an application worth £25,000 to the Padiham flood defence project being run by the Environment Agency. As with the wider work within this project, members of the Pendle Hill Farmer Network have been prioritised as potential sites. Natural Flood Management maps produced by Ribble Rivers Trust back in 2017 have been used in this process, and two sites have been put forward – a wall at Faulds House farm and three hedgerows at High Whittaker Farm. All three will be new hedges, with at least one planted onto a newly created hedge bank and then all doubled fenced. We are confident that the scheme will bring material benefits to reducing overland flow following heavy rainfall events in the immediate area. If the bid is successful this delivery work will take place from October 2021 – September 2022.

Match funding to the value of £4808 has been brought into the project through hedgerow restoration spend via Countryside Stewardship funding. This was on Hecklin Farm within the PHFN and comprised 2404 m of hedge coppicing.

Beginners Walling Training Course



A detail of the wall (L) and volunteers being instructed by master craftsman, Alan Rhodes (R)

Due to unforeseen circumstances we had to switch the venue of the walling course to Martholme Greenway, where we had previously supported the community with a Pendle Hill grant. This time they had requested help with repairing the neglected boundary walls of the old railway line and we were pleased to be able to assist with the holding of this course, followed by other sessions now planned for August and September.

Led by master craftsman of the DSWA, Alan Rhodes, 12 volunteers spent the two days working on two sections of wall (allowing for social distancing) and managed to build 25 meters in total. All agreed it was a great site to work on and many new skills and enthusiasm for this traditional art were learnt.

Restoring Wildlife and Priority Habitats

Pendle Meadows

Monitoring of sites began in June. This will continue in the start of Q2.

Bioblitz 2021

This project is now known as **The Big Wildlife Count** at Spring Wood.

<https://www.pendlehillproject.com/spring-wood-big-wildlife-count>

We have set up an account on the digital app *iNaturalist*, and with help of a keen local naturalist have set up a specific project called '*Species of Spring Wood, Whalley*'. This has a GIS boundary of the site and filters to all records geo-located within that area.

When we started, there were 32 observations and 25 species recorded by 8 observers.

After starting the project, publicising the *iNaturalist* app and running four events so far, the count has increased to 635 observations of 252 species by 21 observers.

The four events held so far in Spring Wood have focused on: Meadows and Bees, Invertebrates and then two evening walks with members of the Women's Vision Collective. The second of these also involved planting out 30 birds eye primrose plug plants, which everyone really enjoyed. Two further counting events have been held in early July, a final one focussing on bats is planned for the autumn.



Volunteers using I-record at Spring Wood; and a selection of images taken by one of the volunteer recorders

Creating and Managing Woodlands

This quarter the Ribble Trust's volunteer group have met three times to work on the PWINNs site at Badger Plantation on the Huntroyde estate. This is a heavily rhododendron infested sycamore copse, and over the last 2 years volunteers have cleared a significant area of woodland floor to enable other flora to become established. This season the volunteers have also been creating leaky dams, with cut brush placed in the upper reaches of Simonstone Brook which feeds into the Calder near Altham. These dams allow water to pass downstream but slows down the flow and reduces the impact of heavy rain creating flash floods. It is also an important first step of partnership working with the Huntroyde Estate, a significant landowner in the area.

The Trust's Woodland Officer has been identifying and agreeing a number of tree planting or woodland creation sites for this winter season around the Pendle Hill area.

Restoring Footpaths and Repairing Peatland on the Summit

Peatland Resilience



The remaining geo-textile and 20 x 3 and 4m timber dams were installed during the good weather in the first week of April. This was followed up by one of our first volunteer days with a mass sphagnum planting session.

Footpath resilience

Resilience work on Pendle Hill paths has continued after the level of visitors to the hill has not declined since lockdown restrictions eased. Sadly people who come out for exercise seem to like to cut corners and take a shorter route. We have therefore installed some fencing to discourage this with some new signage to explain that cutting the corner is causing the zig zag path to wash away. There will soon also be some geo-textile pegged on the bare ground with some lime, seed and fertiliser to encourage vegetation to grow and stabilise the ground; but there has been a delay in its delivery, this time more likely because of the problems in the Suez Canal rather than coronavirus. Just to remind us that there is more out there than a pandemic to cause hold ups.

Further resilience work has been planned and quoted for the cart track. The track has a drainage ditch which takes a lot of water and was causing the subsoil path from year 1 to collapse. The solution is a stone lined ditch using stone from the nearby quarry to armour it against the severe weather events that are now more common place. Stone lining the ditch will make the path far more resilient in the long term and help to channel the water more efficiently. It will also mean that Mountain Rescue have a much better surface to access the Summit which sadly they need to all too often.

Phase 2 of the resilience work is for a flagged path between the two kissing gates leading to the steps of Pendle Hill. The average of 500 people a day and the need for social distancing has meant that people are not walking on the stone pitching and the ground next to it is deeply worn with water washing channels down towards the road. To remedy this, we plan to lay a flagged stone path to complete the missing link in all the path work to access Pendle Hill.



The main path leading to the steps up Pendle where a new flag path will be laid

These two contracts have now been let and work is scheduled to take place over 4 weeks in September.

The final parts of the access improvements on the Summit (taking place over the summer) will be on the boundary wall between the Scout Cairn and Mearley Moor, where it seems that some users, possibly mountain bikers, have climbed over the wall and knocked it down rather than use the nearby gate. It is also evident that the ladder stile nearby is not fit for purpose and so we plan for a contractor to replace it with a kissing gate to make it more accessible for users, and to re-install the field gate, again for ease of access for the Mountain Rescue team. The wall and wall-heads will also be repaired.

The same contractor will also be working at the end of the flagged path towards Ogden Clough to reprofile the badly worn surface. Where the flagged path ends the visitor pressure has worn the vegetation down to the bare mineral soil and water erosion is again taking hold. Some subsoil and reprofiling will shepherd our visitors back to a good path, and protect our nearby peat whilst also redirecting the flow of water to prevent further wash out.



The old ladder style near the Scout Cairn to be replaced with a more accessible kissing gate (L) and the 'washout' at the end of the flag path to Ogden Clough (R) both to be repaired over the summer

The Economy

Enhancing Visitor Gateways and key routes to Access Heritage

This has been a comparatively busy quarter to that of the last 18 months with a lot of hard planned projects finally being put out to tender and contracts awarded and ready to go.

Sabden Churn Clough

The tramper route is about to start its construction phase after all negotiations have been completed. We are now waiting only for United Utilities to join us on a pre site walk over with the contractor and for the delivery of some of the gates. Groundwork starts in early August.

Volunteer training

To complement all the plans to make the hill as accessible and resilient as possible we also felt that there was a need to give people the tools to do this with confidence and will be offering a Fundamentals of Navigation training session with Pendle and Rossendale Mountain Rescue from Sabden. At the time of writing we have 3 spaces left, if it proves to be well received then we will look at delivering this again in the future. This course nicely complements our other training this spring/summer on outdoor first aid and leading guided walks: creating a cohort of skilled volunteers and walkers for the future.

Spring Wood visitor centre

Work here is being led by the County Council and this quarter we have seen the final floor layouts agreed, technical information gathered, and emerging bat survey of the current building completed. Specifications for the new building have been drawn up and costed internally, ready to go out to a tendering process over the summer.

Offering Apprenticeships

The current Trainees have had three chances to meet up in person and learn together this quarter.

At Pendle Heritage Centre in April Leanne showed the others how to carry out river fly sampling, an ecological method of testing water quality, that her employer the Ribble Rivers Trust routinely carry out. Emma also had the other trainees carrying out some gardening tasks as part of her horticultural role at the Heritage Centre. In June a few of the trainees met at Gazegill Farm, where Matt is a trainee, and explored the landholding as well as taking part in an evaluation of the project. And at the end of the month Dom, Leanne and Calum had a go at dry stone walling.

See below for a few comments from their recent reports:



Matt and Leanne meet the pet lambs at Gazegill Farm

We have a collection of Country Life magazine that goes back to the 1990s. I have been grouping these into years and making sure there is one magazine per week for the full year. I put them in dated order and photocopy the contents page for each copy; and then wrap them all up ready to go to the archive. With the photocopied contents pages I have created an inventory within a folder to keep in the office to refer to when needed. (**Jenna** – Business Administration apprentice, Pendle Heritage Centre)

Now that we are through our busiest time of the year, I am going to spend this less hectic period of the year updating parts of the website, such as product descriptions to make them more uniform and more informational which will also help for SEO purposes. In early February, I am also taking over the management of our Google ads Facebook ads, which I look forward to doing! (**Matt**, Gazegill Organics – Digital Marketing degree apprentice)

Our garden volunteers had been coming in one at a time due to covid restrictions, but recently they have been able to return in groups of five. I have been supervising them and providing tasks to suit their skill sets and preferences. (**Emma** – Horticultural apprentice at Pendle Heritage Centre)

I have learnt about how trees and tree protection are ordered, how these orders are sorted through, how sites are prepared and how we organise our volunteers. I have been first aid trained via the project and ran my first volunteer tree planting day on 5th April! (**Leanne** – graduate trainee at Ribble Rivers Trust)

I have continued to support artists who have fulfilled Testing Ground residencies. Key learning has been to recognise the different tones and extents of support that different artists need. It has been useful to improve the adaptability of the support I can offer, and tailor this to each artist's needs. As the Testing Ground projects have reached conclusions, part of my role has been to provide the written context to explain what the residencies have produced and how each artist's approach has differed. (**Calum** – graduate trainee at In-Situ)

Sense of Place and Sustainable Tourism

'A New to Walking Festival'

We have started plans for this event to run 18th to 26th September. The Festival is being delivered as a post Covid response, to further extend 'walking from home' and the connections made during Lockdown. The guided walks will be an opportunity to encourage people to continue with the regular walks they have enjoyed and to develop their confidence to explore new walks in the Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership Area. It is also an opportunity to inspire those new audiences by providing thematic walks for people to learn about the natural and cultural heritage of the area. The Festival will be supported by a number of local walk leaders as well as members of the partnership.

Walk Leader Training

Linked to the Festival we identified an opportunity to deliver a series of workshops, to provide training for those who would like to informally lead groups or also be involved with the festival. One Facebook message promoting the training received 24 responses straight away, so we have 4 planned workshops over the summer months to meet this demand in a Covid-safe environment, based on both sides of the hill. We look forward to seeing how the participants may take this training forward and how they can be involved with the festival.

Commissioning Research into the value the landscape offers to the economy and community services

This quarter we have distributed the 'What's a Hill Worth' leaflet, summarising the main points of the research into natural capital and how the new agri-environment schemes may help to 'plug the farming income gap'. This was sent to a long list of local farmers plus other farming networks across the north of England which had expressed an interest in the report. NCS and Joe Morris now hope to publish an academic paper on their findings.

The 72 Seasons final report has also now been published and can be seen here:

<https://www.pendlehillproject.com/project/whats-hill-worth>

A 4 page poster summary of the report was also produced and sent to key contacts and influencers, and publicised on social media. We are next planning to get some national press coverage of this report via our contract with PR consultants CauseUK



One of the posters produced for the final report, artwork by Cath Ford

Everyone

Running a Community Grant Scheme

Jayne has continued to keep in touch with any outstanding Pendle Hill Fund supported projects, with the hope that any delays caused by Covid can soon be resolved.

From the Year 3 supported projects, the **Rimington Heritage Trail** has now almost been completed, and the Rimington Recreation Association hope to do an official launch and guided walk in the near future. The Sabden heritage trail – **Calico and Clogs** – is also developing well and they hope to launch the route at the end of September.



Rimington Heritage Trail

We have provided 2 more small grants. One to Roughlee Parish Council to assist in the development of a **Roughlee Industrial Heritage Trail**, which will update some of the rights of way infrastructure, install interpretation boards and work with the local history group to develop heritage information. We have also very recently provided a small grant to **Readstone Environment Group** for a project which will focus on litter picking, Himalayan balsam removal and planting wildflowers with the local schools.

The main Pendle Hill Fund grants application opened on 14th June and will close on 26th July. I have received enquiries from a variety of applicants with projects ranging from restoring an upland hay meadow, audio tours for a small local museum and a heritage project with local primary school children.

Providing Supported Activity Sessions for people dealing with mental health issues and social isolation

Monday afternoon PEN walks restarted on 12th April, and **Thursday activity sessions** restarted on 29th April. Due to continuing Covid restrictions, the free transport did not restart at this time, therefore walks and sessions were focused more on the surrounding urban areas of the hill. For many of the activity sessions, Jayne utilised some of the local parks with secondary aims to introduce local people to these amazing green spaces.

Because of the lack of transport on offer, numbers were still low at many of the sessions. However, over Quarter 1 we had 88 total attendances, and introduced 26 new people to PEN sessions.



Re launching of PEN sessions and work in partnership with the NHS East Lancashire Community Team

Jayne continued to distribute the 'Let's get walking', 'Connecting to Nature' and 'Keeping Nature in Mind' booklets to a variety of different audience groups and individuals. And she is still developing relationships with social prescribers, and new Health and Wellbeing teams delivered by PCNs.

From Thursday 1st July, the Little Green Bus will restart its service picking up and dropping off participants for PEN sessions. This will begin at a reduced capacity, due to social distancing, but it will also allow for PEN sessions to return to sites within the LP area. Monday afternoon walks will continue, because they have been very beneficial for some participants – to improve physical as well as mental well-being.

We have also started fortnightly afternoon sessions at Hollins in Downham. Hollins is a space of raised beds and an old dairy shed that we have been given permission to manage by the Downham Estate. These sessions will be open to everyone and will focus on '**Growing close to nature**'.

Creatively Engaging People in our Radical History

Ethel Carnie Holdsworth

With our group studying Ethel Carnie, we have now completed the project's first podcast in partnership with Lancashire Libraries. This is linked to the national initiative Libraries Connected, and to the BBC project 'Great Novels That Shaped Our World'. The podcast focuses on Ethel's novel *This Slavery*. During April we published the third and fourth episodes, and the complete series is now available on most leading podcast platforms. Our team and partners are delighted with the results, and we are still seeking radio airtime for the series. Two further episodes of the *This Slavery* podcast can be downloaded here:

<https://midpenninearts.org.uk/projects/podcasts/>

The fully funded, collaborative doctorate about Ethel, in partnership with Reading and Exeter Universities, has now been officially ratified, and will commence in September. The successful candidate, Jenny Harper, is already taking an active part in the life of the project.

The partnership with Reading University is also bearing other fruit. We are now helping facilitate the publication of another of Ethel's novels that has been long out of print. *The House That Jill Built* will be published in coming months, potentially with a foreword from Pendle Radicals.

We are also working to broker a handover of memorabilia from Ethel's surviving niece. This material will be added to the Carnie archive at Working Class Movement Library, Salford.

Radicals Trail

We are coming close to completion of this first phase of the Radicals Trail. Fabrication of the remaining panels is under way, and they will be installed very soon. This project has attracted the attention of the TV production company for *Songs of Praise*, and they will be filming at our sites in July for transmission in August. We hope that the panel at the Inghamite Church will be installed on the day of filming.

Our walking group of volunteers are now developing a suite of themed walks for downloading from the Radicals website. Four of the six planned routes are in development, to a template created by designer Alan Ward.

This quarter the Mid Pennine Arts team and volunteers have also been busy preparing for the Rosie's Plaques event in early July; the Clarion Sunday event in September; and a new Ethel podcast: *Miss Nobody*.

Delivering Community Archaeology sessions and related training

Community Archaeology Forum: Pendle Hill in the Past

Our online forum was very successful. Held over 4 evening talks during a 4 week period in April/May, 199 people attended to hear local experts and professional archaeologists talk about lime burning, a Bronze Age ditch ring, the county portable antiquities scheme and Roughlee's industrial heritage.

Student Intern from UCLan

At the start of June, we welcomed another archaeology intern from UCLan (after missing one last year due to Covid). Rebecca Oldfield will be with us until the end of July. Due to ongoing effects of Covid and the risk of planning face to face events, Rebecca is focusing more on developing **online resources** and a self-directed trail. We are working with our web designers to develop more bespoke archaeology content on

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the website, and working with Creative Council to develop **a trail guide**. The idea of the trail is that it will be temporarily available in different parks across and around the LP area. So for example for August we are hoping it to be hosted at Victoria Park, Nelson and Castle Park, Clitheroe.

Rebecca will deliver two **face to face events** later on in July – one for the PEN project and one family event. She is also developing more links with Clitheroe Castle and we hope to offer an **archaeology borrow box** to local schools and groups via the Castle museum.

Community Archaeology

Over the past few months we have been in discussion with a local archaeology group and a group of volunteers who have started to research the stretch of Roman Road from Chatburn to Brogden Lane. There have been a few practical issues, and the volunteers have decided to lead the project themselves. We will continue to support this project where possible and where we see the benefits to the wider community.

We are now looking at the potential of offering a part time contract to a freelance community archaeologist, to assist this project one day a week or equivalent for at least the next 6 months. This role will help support volunteers, help us to find more archaeology sites and activity.

NAA

NAA hosted 1 online training session for us in **using QGIS**. This course was delivered successfully online, however it was the only training we wanted to deliver in this way.

NAA hosted their first face to face training event for us in June – the first one since before Covid. This training focused on **Level 1 surveying** and had a great turnout. We hope to build on volunteer's enthusiasm to explore their local area more via this method.



Volunteers learning how to carry out field surveying with NAA (image:T Marklew)

Roman Road Project

We are planning to undertake a mini Roman Road excavation project with NAA.

This project will take place on the site of Hanson Cement, in an area not currently quarried or used by the quarry staff. The project is set to involve 2 weeks of excavation, hopefully in September/October, utilising the work of professional archaeologists from NAA, but also involving volunteers to help with 4 days of the work.

Before the excavation starts we will also be running a training and volunteer session taking transects and preparing for the project.

Threads

Supporting Volunteering and Learning opportunities across the scheme

Get into volunteering

Dates have been planned in for the summer to run GiV sessions for the Lancashire Police Cadets and Nightsafe (a local charity which helps young people who find themselves without a permanent place to live).

We are also aiming to develop more links between organisations like the Police Cadets and local Parish Councils and local groups to develop relationships that will be sustained after the PHLP has finished.

Volunteering

After developing thorough Covid safe risk assessments, the Pendle Hill Volunteers restarted activity early May 2021.

We are currently delivering 3 activity days a month and so far efforts have focused on some sphagnum planting on the top of the hill, tree guard removal, clearing the water bars on the cart track, tasks at the space at Hollins and invasive species removal.

Volunteers have also assisted at the Spring Wood Big Wildlife Count events.

In late April we organised an Outdoor First Aid course, delivered by Lancashire First Aid Training for our volunteers and volunteers from partner organisations who are looking to start leading walks etc. 11 people attended and received qualifications. We are planning a further course in September prior to our walking festival to ensure we have adequate cover.

We are hoping to be able to utilise the space at Hollins (Downham) more now that volunteer activity has restarted. Most of the tools and materials for volunteers will be kept at Hollins barn, and we will continue to run some sessions there or use it as a base for other events.

Three new outdoor learning assistant volunteers have been recruited, with two of them already attending school and family sessions.

Family Nature Events

10 Family Nature Events are planned for the year, with most of them now taking part during the Summer holidays.

The community engagement officer and outdoor learning officer had been planning the John Muir Family Discover award project for 2021. However, after lots of meetings and research, now 2 groups have been found that will be able to join us next summer, as most of the target audience are still dealing with the aftermath of 2020 and Covid. A John Muir Award celebration event has been organised for all 21 families who completed the family discovery award last year. This will take place in August.

During May half term, the outdoor learning officer and community engagement officer worked with Building Bridges and their Syrian refugee families. Four families took part in an outdoor nature event at Barrowford Heritage centre as part of their project. The families discovered minibeasts, made bird feeders, took part in an archaeology trail, plus ate popcorn made on the fire. The adults learnt vital language skills, improved

their awareness of nature and developed confidence skills. It was a lovely day with everyone learning together.



Jayne & Alison with the families at Pendle Heritage Centre

Little Saplings

Little Saplings started again in May, with one hour sessions (am and pm), and reduced numbers to meet Covid regulations. Uptake has been very good, with each of the 8 sessions being fully booked within a few days of advertisement. Parents were very pleased to return to the woods with Alison and new families have joined this year too. There is an advertisement and information film about Little Saplings being made, ready to launch in September, when hopefully Little Saplings will be back to normal.



Discovering minibeasts!

Schools work

Pendle Community High school has finished their virtual WildED sessions with Action for Conservation and PHLP. The hope is to take the class tree planting in the Winter.

Chatburn primary school is taking part in the Chatburn Treasure trail that will be created in the Autumn term.

Local high schools were invited by Alison to take part in In-situ reconnect project. With schools keen to take on the booklets for their year 10s at Bowland high school, Marsden and Pendle Vale. Some of these schools hope to link up in the Autumn term.

In June the OLO worked with the whole of Whitefield infant school. This included three days of activity on their school grounds, where each year group took on a different theme: art and senses, minibeasts and plants. This approach allowed each half of a class to carry out a different outdoor national curriculum activity. There was also a teacher training session, where teachers and TA's shared their activity, how to further develop it and discuss what the children enjoyed. This resulted in the head teacher asking each teacher to plan more time in their grounds and take on board the resources and activities that were showcased.

Other school trips that have taken place this quarter include Christ Church school visiting their local park to carry out river studies. Lomeshaye school learning how to observe seasonal change and survey the minibeasts and plants on their school grounds. While Colne Park year 4s enjoyed two trips to Gazegill organic farm to learn about how a farm functions, including the produce and the electricity it makes.

Nine more schools have activities planned with Alison before the end of the Summer term.



Children exploring the meadow at Gazegill Farm

Holding the Gatherings and annual events to engage new audiences

Testing Ground Residencies

We are curating the physical outcomes of these 8 'lockdown residencies' into an exhibition that will tour inside our mobile studio hut, 'Corky.' We are excited to provide people with what might be their first 'in real life' interaction with art since the lockdowns began. The exhibition is accompanied by a set of interactive workshops that we will facilitate on site, so that people can not only get inspired but also make something themselves. We have pulled together a calendar of stops, which will take place over the next quarter. We are targeting summer school activities, local markets, and landscape events delivered by PHLP and Forest of Bowland.

Reconnect Publication

The Reconnect publication has a simple but important aim: to give those who have been unable to access our programme online, a chance to reconnect with creative and artistic activity. Featuring eight artworks and eight accompanying activities, provided by our Testing Ground artists, the publication promotes interaction with the surrounding landscape, as each artwork or activity intertwines art and nature. As well as reconnecting with the landscape and creativity, we hope the friendly tone of the publication will encourage audiences, old and new, to follow the work of In-Situ and PHLP as a result.



There is no age limit for the publication, which means we can distribute it through a variety of organisations, events and services. Alison from PHLP has supported us in developing an audience with schools across Pendle, as we have invited each school to request as many booklets as they need. We have also been in touch with food banks across the area, including Colne Open Gate and Nelson Community Masjid NCM, who have set up a food bank more recently. We will also be distributing copies via local groups, such as Get Out! Lancashire's LGBT Walking club, and so in this sense the publication has been a good way to expand our network as well as our audience.

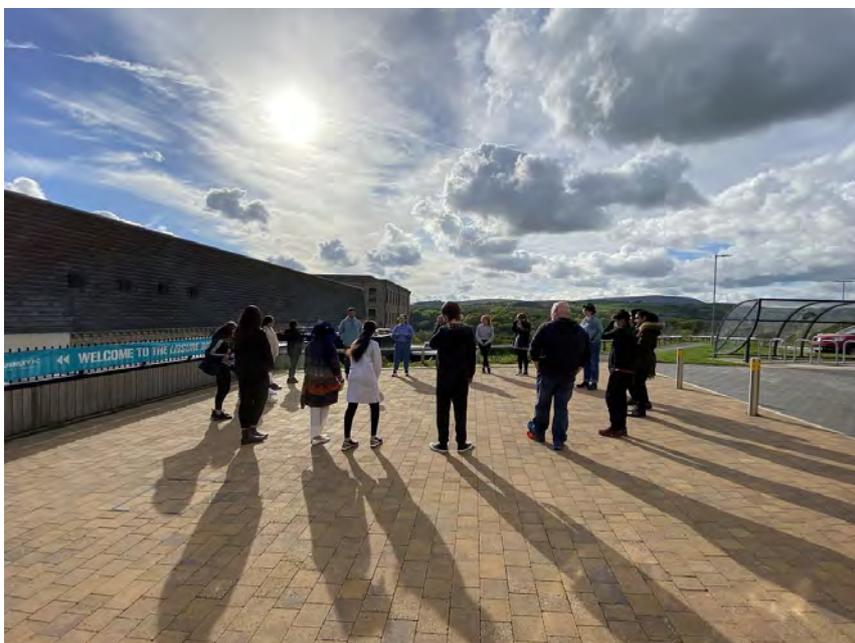
We decided to print the publication using Risograph print, the most eco-friendly way to print in bulk. We have now received the 2000 copies of the publications, which we are very happy with and excited to distribute over the summer. This will be done via the Hut tour of 'Corky,' as we will hand out the publication alongside showing the Testing Ground residency outcomes. We have also organised for various Pendle-based schools, food banks, places of worship and community groups to receive copies of the publications to pass onto their groups.

Traditional Boundaries Residency: Isabella Martin

We will be exhibiting the film produced by Isabella, with sound by Jo Kennedy alongside PHLP's drop-in drystone walling taster sessions in August. We will provide a pop-up film-screening, as well as being present to meet audiences and provide insight to the film making and residency process. We are optimistic that Isabella will be able to attend for one or two days, in which case Isabella will provide an interactive workshop around some of the processes used for the film - such as stop animation and drawing. The film will also be ready to share at the annual Gatherings event, as well as situated on our webpage with some supporting material supplied by Isabella, such as the initial transcript, to show the journey of the residency

The Summit Residency (formerly Young Radicals)

Three members of the collective Remodel Manchester, Chloe Barlow, Chris Charles and Josh Wilkinson, have begun to deliver The Summit youth programme. So far, we have delivered two sessions at The Grand in Clitheroe, which the young people have enjoyed, and they have been excited by the scale of the space. Other sessions take place at The Garage in Brierfield. The young people were recruited via four schools: Ribblesdale, Pendle Vale, Marsden Heights and Shuttleworth. In doing so, we are confident that we have welcomed a diverse group in terms of background and location across Pendle, so our aim to connect young people from 'both sides of the hill' is well underway.



The launch of the Summit project

17 young people, aged between 12 and 15, are participating and our launch took place at The Garage on 19th May, 2021. It was a great success, with Remodel and the young people all enjoying the session's activities and the excitement of beginning a new project together. We have continued to have a high retention of young people, with only one drop off from the original group. Sessions have included introductions to photography, podcasting and lyric writing and each week we have seen the young

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people grow in confidence when sharing their outcomes. We have also climbed Pendle Hill together, a first for a few of the participants.

After introducing film making and theatre acting in the next sessions, we will move on to begin upscaling the creative tasks with the young people taking on a collaborative, self-directed approach to focus on the artforms that appeal to them most. This will lead to the development of the final outcome, which will be catalysed by our residential trip to Whitehough, scheduled for 9th-11th of August.

Alongside the creative activity, the young people have been reflecting on what parts of the project they have enjoyed, or disliked, and this has influenced the direction Remodel takes. This reflection will also feed into the development of participants' Arts Awards portfolios, which are underway and will be submitted at the end of the project. We are confident the aims of the project are being achieved, as we see the young people begin to interact with one another regardless of the school they are based at. We are also seeing their confidence increase when approaching creative tasks and contributing to group discussion.



Summit participants ready to climb Pendle Hill, with Remodel Manchester artists

Deep Peat Residency: Kerry Morrison

There have been many covid induced delays and changes to this project, however plans have now been agreed for the final phase of the project to take place this summer and autumn.

Led by Kerry Morrison, the **Peat Conference** has been re-shaped to connect with other key events in the Climate calendar, especially COP26 in Glasgow. With ambition to make international connections, we hope this slower approach to building content and conversation will enable a deeper exploration of peat and the restoration work here in Pendle.

Planned in collaboration with In-Situ and PHLP, the 'expanded conference' will now take place across 2021 in three sections:

- Climate Activism: A series of engagement events with under 25s around peat and activism
- Landscape Partnerships: An online conference session with a landscape partnership focus
- A Global Resource: Connecting with and reflecting a global picture from a Pendle perspective, tying in with COP16.

The key aims of the programme will be to share ways of engaging with climate and ecology issues through art, promote understanding of climate issues, biodiversity and peat restoration amongst a wide demographic and to explore ways to connect global pockets of action. Woven throughout will be a promotion of the work of PHLP, as we make room for conversations that focus on Pendle.

Part One of the Peat Conference has now happened, taking shape as a public walk from Nelson Library to Clarion House, followed by an in-conversation between Kerry Morrison and RE- PEAT. Re-peat is an international youth-led collective studying, working with and campaigning for peat restoration. We received great feedback from attendees, who also enjoyed a Peat Pie lunch at the event.



Kerry Morrison at part one of the conference with Re-Peat, at Clarion House

Co-ordinating Interpretation and Publicity

Press and PR

We are working with a local PR consultancy over the next 6 to 12 months – Cause UK – to raise the Scheme's profile regionally and nationally in print and digital media. After initial discussions, 6 pieces of work have been identified to profile across a variety of projects over the coming months. The first of these is to highlight the 'Rosie's Plaques' project being developed by Mid Pennine Arts, with potential for coverage in

the Sunday Observer and leads with Channel 4 news. We await further information about these leads and look forward to working with the agency to profile our work with a wider audience.

We have also developed a good relationship with the local press via the news editor at Burnley Express, which links to both Clitheroe and Nelson and Colne titles – nicely covering the whole LP area. This has already led to one feature article, with more planned, and a weekly column by project staff, starting in July.



Interpretation panels

Work has begun on developing the content for the interpretation panels at Cockshott's Farm and Barley, the latter with input from the parish council. These will hopefully be installed later in 2021.

Video and film

A number of filming contracts – for the Traditional Boundaries project, Little Saplings and the Trainees 'careers' film have now begun and will continue over the summer and autumn months.

Staffing and Programme Management

The LP team and partners are enjoying the easing of coronavirus restrictions and being able to be outdoors and carry out face-to-face work and engage more with volunteers and other participants. Although our offices are still mainly closed, and we continue to work from home, we have got together as staff teams outdoors and during regular site based working.

Since the local elections we have welcomed two replacement members to the LP Board: county councillor Cosima Towneley and Pendle borough councillor Linda Crossley.

The summer is looking likely to be very busy and we are already planning for events into September and October. We have been pleasantly surprised at the positive uptake to opportunities like dry stone walling, Little Saplings and training courses for walk leaders; although some cancellations have been inevitable due to requirements to self-isolate.

I have submitted our final major funding bid, to the Environment Agency; and we have also claimed the remainder of our agri-environment scheme match funding this quarter. We produced a brief review of year 3 using our 'traffic lights' report (attached below) and then submitted our request to extend the LP scheme by 7 months to the Heritage Fund.

Looking forward we have 4 projects currently developing proposals to extend or vary their work in year 4 and into the extension period: Traditional Boundaries, Pendle Radicals; What's a Hill Worth/PEN; and Community Archaeology. These will be taken to the LP Board for approval if the extension request is approved by NLHF.

Activity report April – June 2021

About the Session					About the Participants		Activity
Date	start and end times (10.30-13.45)	duration (hours)	Activity type	Location	adults total	children total	Description of the activity
10/06/2021	09.00 - 17.00	7	plant ID training	Cockshotts & Gazegill farms	3	0	surveying restored meadows
05/06/2021	10.00 - 13.00	3	iNaturalist meadows and bees	Spring Wood	5	1	public event and ID recording
23/06/2021	18.45 - 21.00	2.25	iNaturalist recording	Spring Wood	3	3	public event and ID recording
30/06/2021	12.00 - 15.00	3	iNaturalist and inverts/mini beasts	Spring Wood	8	0	public event and ID recording
30/06/2021	18.45 - 20.45	2	iNaturalist recording and plug planting	Spring Wood	3	6	public event and ID recording
14/04/2021	11.00-11.45	0.75	virtual talk WildED	online event	4	23	Workshop 4 WildED
12/05/2021	11-11.45	0.75	virtual talk WildED	online event	2	25	Workshop 6 WildED
26/05/2021	10-11.	1	Little Saplings	Spring wood	10	10	birds
26/05/2021	1.30-2.30	1	Little Saplings	Victoria Park	14	21	bear hunt
02/06/2021	10-13.00	3	free family nature event	Pendle heritage centre	6	8	nature (minibeast/birds/art)
07/06/2021	9-2.30	5	school trip	Whitefield Infant school	5	73	art and senses
08/06/2021	9-2.30	5	school trip	Whitefield Infant school	9	83	plants
09/06/2021	10-11.	1	Little Saplings	Spring wood	12	15	minibeast
09/06/2021	1.30-2.30	1	Little Saplings	Victoria Park	12	17	birds
10/06/2021	9-2.30	5	school trip	Whitefield Infant school	14	85	minibeast
10/06/2021	3.30-5	1.5	school staff training	Whitefield Infant school	21	0	national curriculum and OL
21/06/2021	9-2.30	5	school trip	Ball grove park	4	27	local geography
22/06/2021	9.15-12.15	3	school trip	Lomeshaye Junior School	3	28	plants and minibeast
23/06/2021	10-11.	1	Little Saplings	Spring wood	11	13	bear hunt
23/06/2021	1.30-2.30	1	Little Saplings	Victoria Park	13	12	art
24/06/2021	9.30-2.00	4	school trip	Gazegill farm	3	24	farm and minibeast
25/06/2021	9.30-2.00	4	school trip	Gazegill farm	4	27	farm and minibeast
07/05/2021	9.30-3.00	5	Pendle Hill vols	Sphagnum planting on summit	6	0	Pendle Hill summit
16/05/2021	9.30-3.00	5	Pendle Hill vols	Tree guard removal	3	0	various sites
26/05/2021	9.30-3.00	5	Pendle Hill vols	Clearing Waterbars	3	0	Pendle Hill cart track
16/06/2021	9.30-3.00	5	Pendle Hill vols	tools maintenance and clearance of beds	5	0	Hollins Dairy, Downham
23/06/2021	9.30-3.00	5	Pendle Hill vols	Spring Wood	2	0	removal of invasive species
12/04/2021	14.00 - 16.00	2	PEN walk	Nelson	12	0	approx 5km walk from Victoria Park, Nelson
15/04/2021	14.00 - 16.00	2	PEN walk	Brierfield	7	0	approx 5km walk from Brierfield with Postive Steps group
19/04/2021	14.00-16.00	2	PEN walk	Burnley	9	0	approx 5km walk from Thompson Park, Burnley
26/04/2021	14.00-16.00	2	PEN walk	Barrowford	8	0	approx 6km walk from Barrowford
29/04/2021	13.00-16.00	3	PEN Activity session	Alkincoats Park, Colne	2	0	nature conservation session at Alkincoats Park
06/05/2021	13.00-16.00	3	PEN Activity session	Alkincoats Park, Colne	5	0	nature conservation session at Alkincoats Park
10/05/2021	14.00-16.00	2	PEN walk	Clitheroe	4	0	approx 5km walk from Clitheroe

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13/05/2021	13.00-16.00	3	PEN Activity session	Howard Street Community Centre, Burnley	9	0	making bird feeders and plants vegetables
17/05/2021	14.00-16.00	2	PEN walk	Colne	6	0	approx 6km walk from Colne
24/05/2021	14.00-16.00	2	PEN walk	Brierfield	4	0	approx 5km walk from Brierfield
26/05/2021	13.00-16.00	3	PEN Activity session	Brungerly Park, Clitheroe	4	0	Arts in Nature session
27/05/2021	13.00-16.00	3	PEN Activity session	Victoria Park, Nelson	1	0	Minibeast hotel making session
03/06/2021	13.00-16.00	3	PEN Activity session	Ball Grove Park, Colne	4	0	Species identifying session
21/06/2021	14.00-16.00	2	PEN walk	Victoria Park, Nelson	4	0	approx 5km walk from Nelson
25/06/2021	13.00-16.00	3	PEN Activity session	Martholme Greenway, Simonstone	7	0	dry stone walling taster session
28/06/2021	14.00-16.00	2	PEN walk	Downham	2	0	approx 7km walk from Downham
07/05/2021	10.00-16.00	6	Archaeology training session	Online	7	0	QGIS training
24/06/2021	10.00 - 12.30	2.5	Archaeology training session	Rimington	8	0	Level 1 Survey training
24/06/2021	13.30 - 16.00	2.5	Archaeology training session	Rimington	9	0	Level 1 Survey training
26/04/2021	18.30-20.30	2	Community Archaeology Forum 2021	on line	48	0	presentation on Roughlee by Brian Jeffrey
14/05/2021	18.30 - 20.30	2	Community Archaeology Forum 2021	on line	62	0	Presentation on lime industry by David Johnson
08/05/2021	18.30-20.30	2	Community Archaeology Forum 2021	on line	34	0	presentation by Alex Whitlock/Danielle Knights
12/05/2021	18.30-20.30	2	Community Archaeology Forum 2021	on line	55	0	presentation by David Cockcroft
06/05/2021	14.00 - 15.00	1	on line event	Online	31	0	Jules Gibb presentation on her experience of creating the This Slavery podcast through a collaboration with Lancashire Libraries and the Pendle Radicals project.
18/01/2021	N/A -participa	N/A - flexi	Creative Activity Packs	At home	5	25	Cyanotype activity pack which encourages families to explore the local landscape to collect objects for a unique artwork.
06/12/2020	18:00 - 19:15	1.25	Artist workshop	Zoom	3	0	Artist presentation and public discussion surrounding journalism and its role in our daily lives.
10/12/2020	18:00-20:15	2.25	Artist workshop	Zoom	2	0	Artist led workshop on writing journalism.
21/05/2021	10.00- 16.00	6	PWINNs volunteers	Simonstone Brook, Badger Plantation	4	0	Leaky dams
03/06/2021	10.00- 16.01	6	PWINNs volunteers	Simonstone Brook, Badger Plantation	6	0	Leaky dams
09/06/2021	10.00- 16.02	6	PWINNs volunteers	Badger Plantation	6	0	woodland management
23-24/6/21	9.00-17.00	14	Dry stone walling beginners course	Martholme Greenway, Simonstone	10	0	Craftsman instructed course
			TOTAL NUMBERS attending		566	501	