



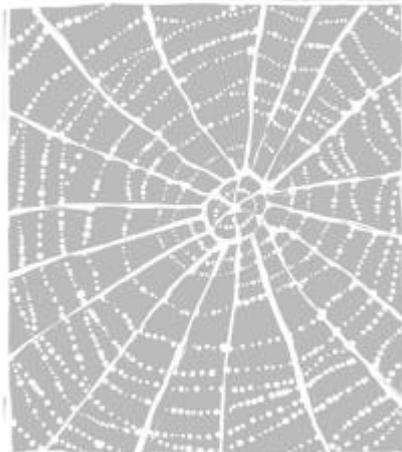
Quarterly Progress Report



Frost adorns bare branches



The Robin Calls



Spider webs glisten



Haze first covers the sky

January – March 2020
Year 2 Quarter 4

Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership Team

Roles and Projects:

Scheme Manager: **Cathy Hopley**

- What's a Hill Worth
- Trainees

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

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- Volunteering and Learning

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- Wild About Pendle Hill
- Farmer's Network (+0.2 FTE)
- Traditional Boundaries contracts (with Ian Hart)

Countryside Access Officer: **Sarah Dornan** (0.5 FTE)

- Access for All
- Volunteering and Learning

Programme Assistant: **Helen Coar** (0.6 FTE +Farmer Network admin 0.2 FTE)

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- Access for All
- Volunteering & Learning

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- Discover Pendle Hill
- Interpretation

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- Project Manager at Mid Pennine Arts for The Radicals: **Nick Hunt/Shonah Ingram**
- Project officer at Ribble Rivers Trust for Pendle WINNS: **Kristina Graves**
- Project Co-ordinator at DSWA for Traditional Boundaries training: **Linda Clarkson**

The Environment

Restoring Traditional Boundaries

Our first hedge laying season has concluded with the following contracts completed at the following farms: a total of 1405m towards our target:

Old Hall
Pendleton Hall
Higher Greenhead
Smithies Bridge
Park Farm
High Whittaker

A final hedge at Laneside farm has been postponed until autumn 2020 as the fencing had not been done in time. The 6 sites combine hedge laying, coppicing and replanting techniques to restore the boundaries to functional, attractive and diverse corridors for wildlife.



Re-planted hedge at Pendleton Hall farm; and a well laid boundary at Higher Greenhead farm, Sawley

There has been a lot of interest in the project from the members of the Pendle Hill Farmers Network, and many are keen to have more lengths of boundaries restored using the scheme. In the first instance they are all being directed to the Countryside Stewardship Hedges and Boundaries grant, to ensure we make best use of all funding sources available.

Advertising banners were designed and bought to go along highly visible stretches of restoration – eg wall at Pendleside and hedge at Smithies Bridge, which is adjacent to the A59 at Chatburn. These will be put up after movement restrictions are lifted.

Tranche Three of hedging sites has been identified, visited, and specifications drawn up and draft agreements and tender packs produced. Tender packs will be sent out soon in time to secure the contracts in good time for the next season of hedging, starting September 2020.

The first wall length of wall at Pendleside has now been completed and signed off. This has been extended by a further 98m² for a second phase to complete the length of wall adjacent to the lane which leads to the main path up Pendle, this work is now underway.

All the activity has been greatly helped by having Ian Hart as contract supervisor on the project: checking progress, liaising with contractors, drawing up specifications and undertaking pre-start and progress meetings, and signing off completed work.



Coppiced and re-planted hedge at Old Hall, Roughlee (top); and newly laid hedge at Smithies Bridge, Chatburn

Covid Impacts

The contractors have been able to continue working safely. However plans for the first Pendle Hill walling competition, a beginners' weekend course and the 10 day level 1 training in walling have all been postponed.

Restoring Wildlife and Priority Habitats

This quarter has mostly been taken up with planning for Summer events to encourage wildlife identification and recording; and to develop resources for the Barley wildlife Discovery site. However these events have had to be postponed due to COVID-19 restrictions.

The peat restoration works at **Mearley Moor** (being undertaken by RRT but with technical support from our Farming & Wildlife officer due to her extensive experience of peatland restoration) has been time consuming due to bad weather delays, the remoteness of the site and a number of issues with the contractors. However, work has now been halted due to the COVID-19 restrictions and the start of the bird nesting season. We hope that it can be quickly completed come the Autumn.



Re-profiling of peat hags and installation of timber dams to reduce run off, loss of peat soil and gullying

Peat works on the Summit have been monitored and some damage identified where wash-outs of peat dams caused by the heavy winter rains have occurred. These sites have been photographed and mapped and we hope to pull together a contingency funded 'resilience' project to repair them later this year or next.

We have also been mapping out a self-guided walk of the Summit using ViewRanger to create a peatland restoration techniques tour for interested groups to follow, and also to input to our photographic monitoring of the site.

Creating and Managing Woodlands

Over the last 3 months we have focussed on finishing the delivery of this year's woodland sites and have started planning for next years' woodland creation schemes and management.

Woodland creation works at Twiston was finished on the 29th February, taking place in the course of 10 days throughout January and February.

This is the second project to create riparian woodland around Twiston Beck. The new scheme is part of the Downham Estate and sits approximately 0.5km upstream from the original Twiston Beck scheme. Some of the scheme was within the Twiston Beck Valley Biological Heritage Site. There are some priority habitats present within the scheme boundary including lowland meadows and pastures, deciduous woodland, good quality semi-improved grassland and lowland dry acid grassland. These were acknowledged and woodland was planted sympathetically to the biodiversity present. The woodland creation will contribute to the LERN Lancashire Woodland Ecological Network.

Number of Trees : 2,800

Size of Woodland : 2.8Ha

Due to the weather, fencing was delayed and was finally completed after the planting, on the 25th March, although stock had been excluded from the site until then by the farmer.

Woodland management work is now being planned at a small site (0.26ha) on the Downham Estate in the middle of the Twiston planting scheme. A management plan has been produced and will be put into action later in 2020.

Removal of rhododendron at Badger Plantation by volunteers has also continued this quarter.



Pupils from Roughlee (left) and Clitheroe Brookside schools planting trees at Twiston

The Economy

Enhancing Visitor Gateways and key routes to Access Heritage

The **Chatburn to Downham Bridleway** has started! After various permissions were finally put in place, construction began in January. Before this time, the Downham Estate had removed short sections of dry stone walls and hedges to make sure the appointed contractor had free movement and no chance of hold ups from an early nesting season. Tree surgery work requested by the Planners was also completed.

By the end of February, the first section from Chatburn was all but open with a finished surface, and by the end of March construction had reached the Rimington Road. The archaeologists signed off the section including a Roman Road after attending site works there, agreeing that there was no heritage at risk due to many years of previous interference on the fields. Some small pieces of medieval pottery were found and catalogued.



Archaeologists on watching brief on the Roman road, and the nearly completed 1km stretch of bridleway

There was a hold up due to a very wet spell of weather in February, however we are now expecting all surfacing works to be completed by the end of April. As soon as joiners return to the fencing suppliers it will be possible to install holding areas and the construction will be complete. As it stands, there is a fully useable track length for pedestrians, and once the holding areas are installed this will be open to all. Lengths of a hedgerow have also been supplied and hand planted by the landowner as part of his contribution to the project.

Downham Information Centre now has a window installed (awaiting its second coat of paint), information boards are with the printers and should be delivered imminently. On arrival they will be installed along with the seating and bicycle storage and repair station as removal of all old boards and signage has already been completed. We hope to plan an opening ceremony for the bridleway and information barn to celebrate the completion of this very protracted project, and the lifting of movement restrictions!

After an in depth look at land ownership of **Hey's Lane**, all land owners and adjacent farmers have now been visited and have approved of the planned work on this byway linking Barley and Roughlee. They have offered their own knowledge of drainage issues and surface matters which will help the contractors when work starts. Tender documents are now with contractors for the trail; walk overs with interested contractors have been carried out, the final contractor couldn't walk over with staff due to the Covid-19 restrictions but has been supplied with an equivalent information pack to allow for fair appraisal of tenders which we hope to do in late April.



The draining issues to be tackled on Heys Lane, and work in progress on the Mearley track close to Pendle summit

In partnership with the River Rivers Trust, peat restoration and path work started on **Mearley Clough** from the Scout Cairn on Pendle Hill towards the Nick of Pendle. Originally planned as 300 meters of soil inversion, the contractors have found some great subsoil material meaning no need to use allocated funds for top dressing to allow for 500 meters of path construction. Due to the bird nesting season, machinery is no longer on site but most work is complete. To date of writing there are some final snagging issues which is normal for any construction job, but these can be addressed as soon as the bird nesting season is over.

Our graduate trainee, Dom, has spent some time working with Lancashire County Council Public Rights of Way learning about assessing the need for gates, gaps and stiles including when it is appropriate to repair and when best to replace. Alongside this comes the legal aspect of recording structures on Public Rights of Way.

PHLP now has a plethora of **information signage** encouraging our visitors to behave responsibly and enjoy our landscape, Dom has spent time getting to know all our landowners and discussed with them their most pressing needs and has since installed our signage in these locations all over our LP.



New LP information signs out in the Pendle Hill countryside at Downham and Sabden

Sunderland Peacock architects have added further details we required to their plans for **the Information Centre at Spring Wood** picnic site. We asked for the opinion of another catering facility provider for her opinion on the plans drawn up by the architects, and she has provided positive feedback on the space and proposed facilities to be provided in the plans. Hopefully they will be able to proceed to issuing a call for tenders to contractors in the near future.

A Survey Monkey survey has been posted on line and on posters on site inviting people to inform us of their feelings towards our plans for Spring Wood and over 50 people have responded, giving us a good level of support for the proposals.

Covid Impacts

Unfortunately the grant scheme Lancashire Environmental Fund closed to full applications a week before the deadline, due to the COVID-19 crisis. We hope to complete the application for £30,000 match funds for Spring Wood anyway and submit it as soon as the fund re-opens, but this will cause some delays to the project delivery which we had hoped to start in the Autumn.

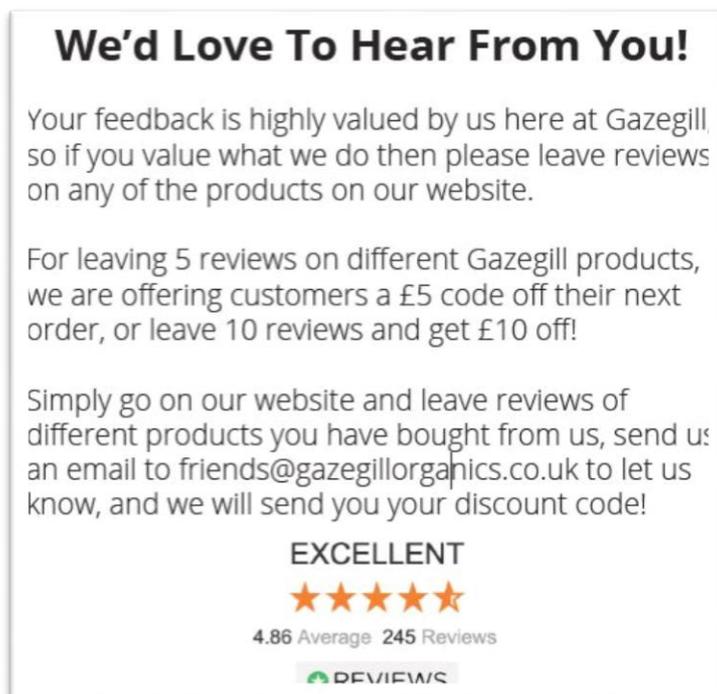
New promoted routes have also been assessed for Gisburn and Worston by Dom, and there is some repair work needed which he is planning to carry out. Whilst practical work is currently not possible he plans to use the time to write up the walk descriptions so that when the current movement restrictions are lifted there will be some new and challenging routes for people to explore away from the tourist hotspots.

At Downham works have now been halted and both the bridleway (holding areas) and information barn will be completed once restrictions are lifted.

Offering Apprenticeships

The Trainees project has suffered mixed fortunes this Quarter.

Matt Walker the apprentice at Gazegill farm carrying out digital marketing training, is doing really well in his work placement as well as on his 1 day a week studying for a degree at UCLan. In his recent report he reflected on his learning and showed an example of his work:



Covid Impacts

Pendle Heritage Centre joined the project with a request to recruit 3 trainees in differing aspects of their work focussing on their property in Barrowford that acts as a museum, tourist information point, heritage attraction and wedding venue! They were quickly able to recruit to the horticulture and business administration roles, but these were both then suspended following closure of the Heritage Centre due to the Coronavirus outbreak in March.

We were also delighted to discover that a new apprenticeship standard in 'Countryside Worker' had come available and that partners at Craven College were willing to offer it to two or three employers interested in our project. Again this development has now been suspended as have plans to recruit 2 graduate trainees and a summer internship: all due to the lockdown restrictions.

On a positive note, these developments mean that the project should now meet most of its output and match funding targets and that significant variations to the project plan and targets are not now required.

Sense of Place and Sustainable Tourism

Content for the **Sense of Place Toolkit** has now been produced and is at the design stage. This will be produced on line and as a publication for tourism businesses. Training in how to use the toolkit is planned for the Autumn.

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

Our **Health and Wellbeing research project, 72 Seasons**, was launched in the New Year and got off to a really good start with 180 participants signing up to do the first health questionnaire and joining the seasons survey. We worked hard to get really good press coverage on Radio Lancashire (twice) and in Lancashire Evening Post and their local newspapers; and this combined with social media promotion and a face to face day using Corky the Hut in Colne market helped to raise awareness of the project and to encourage people to join in.

The project Facebook page is private for participants only, and is getting really good usage and interaction with people posting photos and questions and answers about the chosen season.



The illustrations by Cath Ford are very popular, this was for 15-19 January

A mid season survey gave encouraging feedback on the value of the work:

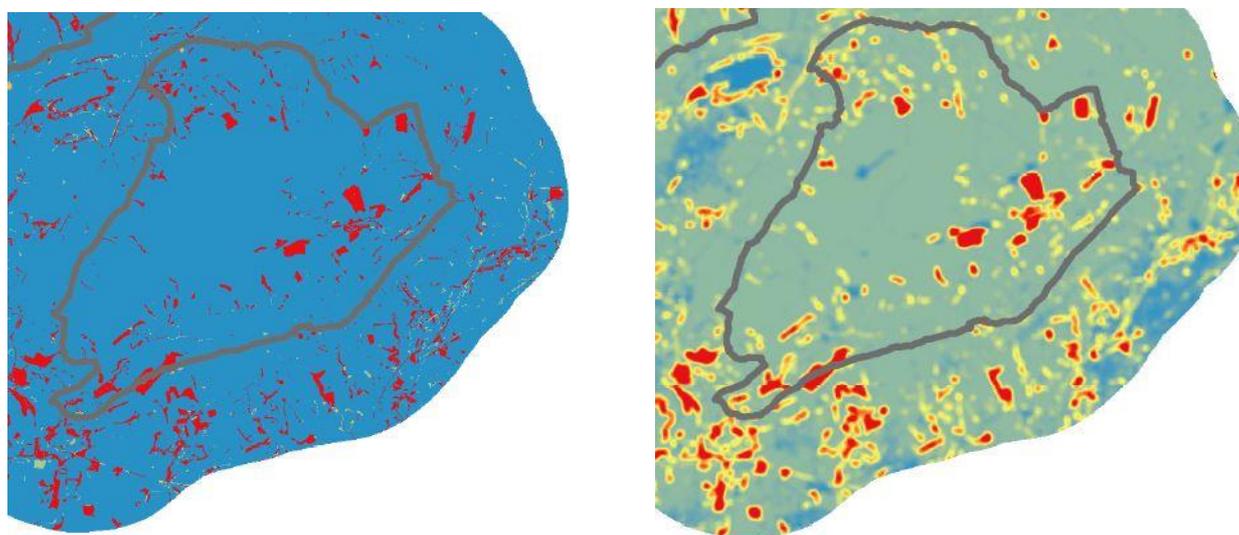
The infographic consists of three vertically stacked sections, each featuring a circular logo with the number '72' and the words 'SEASONS WINTER' inside. To the right of each logo is a quote from a participant.

- Section 1:** "What are people saying about taking part in 72 Seasons?"
Quote: "I am enjoying the process. It is making me take more notice of the earth."
- Section 2:** "What are people saying about taking part in 72 Seasons?"
Quote: "Yes I'm enjoying it and it has encouraged me to keep my own nature diary of all the things I see."
- Section 3:** "What are people saying about taking part in 72 Seasons?"
Quote: "Yes I am enjoying it, I am noticing things and I think, when I notice them, spending a little more time just noticing and watching. Thanks"

Results from the end of Winter survey are just coming in now and 70+ participants completed the end of season health check which will help us to analyse the impact of the project on their health and wellbeing. 15 new people have begun the Spring season so far, with 163 of the original cohort continuing: a good sign that people are enjoying the survey.

The other part of this project, the **Public Money for Public Goods** research with three Pendle Hill farms is also progressing well.

Natural Capital Solutions have now completed the mapping work that provides us with a visual record of the natural capital and ecosystem services and how they are distributed across the entire AONB, with the ability to zoom into the farm scale too.



These map extracts show the LP area distribution of a) woodland carbon and b) the regulation of air pollution



Extract of a farm habitat map at larger scale

These local habitat maps, together with others showing other elements of natural capital and ecosystem services (as above) were used to generate discussions with the three farmers when researcher Professor Joe Morris, an agricultural economist, re-visited the area in February.

Quarterly Report

NCS are now preparing an interim report and also a comparison of actual farm business accounts with the relevant natural capital accounts, and developing options for the farms to consider in terms of which 'public goods' they would like to provide in return for 'public money'.

Covid Impacts

We hope that the farm research work can continue and will not be too disrupted by the current lockdown situation, although follow up conversations with the farmers (after lambing season!) and consultation with the wider Pendle Hill farm network may be delayed or attempted by phone and on line methods.

72 Seasons has come into its element with the lockdown, with many participants posting and sharing wildlife photos from their daily walks, and celebrations of spring in their yards and gardens on the Facebook page.

Everyone

Running a Community Grant Scheme

Year 1 projects:

[Pennine Lancashire Community Farm](#) submitted their final claim in early January, along with a final report. The project was enjoyed by all participants, and they had the opportunity to visit places, get involved in different activities and learn more. One of the outputs, to develop a series of oral history recordings, was not obtained due to participants not being happy to give permission for their recordings to be published.



[Pennine Community Farm](#) group enjoy a trip to the countryside

[Higham Parish Council](#) was delayed due to personal circumstances. They have now submitted their 2nd claim, with only a small portion of the grant remaining to claim. The project is developing well and all that is left is to install the interpretation panel.

Year 2 projects:

[Clitheroe Young Farmers](#) have made 2 claims, completed their planned training courses in hedge-laying and walling and have purchased tools and equipment for future use. Their planned celebration event will now be postponed due to the current situation. Also we still plan for YF to get involved in the LP's upcoming walling competition, which has had to be postponed from May to autumn 2020.



Clitheroe Young Farmers learning how to build a dry stone wall

Martholme Greenway volunteers have installed picnic benches and have purchased information boards, however the installation of these will be postponed. They have made 2 claims.

Rimington Oral Heritage project has made further development with more recordings of poems by Christine Thistlethwaite and has a number of volunteers ready to be interviewed about key themes. Currently the group are looking at how they can carry out website training online, but all face to face activity has been postponed.

Spring Wood Pond and Access project had been delayed by the bad weather, work then started on site, and has now been suspended due to the current coronavirus situation



Volunteers build picnic benches on Martholme Greenway

Year 3 potential applicants:

Three different organisations have already made enquiries into project application for year 3, and one applicant in particular has nearly developed a full project application.

We have also welcomed a new grants panel member, Zoya Bhatti, who works for our partners In Situ.

Covid Impacts

Due to the current situation around the Covid 19 pandemic, I have made the decision to defer the Year 3 opening of the Pendle Hill Fund until at least early June. It was supposed to open on 6th April, but did not feel this was appropriate in case lockdown measures aren't lifted for a while.

All current applicants have been informed that original timelines can be changed due to the current situation, and no one should be taking risks or not following the government guidelines to reach project outputs. However, I still expect these project will be delivered and fully completed within the maximum time frame of 12 month (or 2 years).

The small grants fund opened in January. This is open to charities, voluntary groups and community groups who are looking to apply for up to £500 for a project which fits our Pendle Hill Fund criteria. This small fund will be open continuously, with an initial total pot of £2500. Up to now, only one application has been accepted from Malkin Morris club, for a project that will focus on spreading more information about local morris dances. This application requested £500 for some capital items which included new information screens and step boards which can be used at a range of locations.

I have had other queries about this small fund, however in most cases the applicants have been individuals, the projects haven't fit the criteria or not in our geographical area. This small grant will remain open, however I will not be advertising it over the next few months, due to the coronavirus lockdown.

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

This quarter we have delivered two further winter sessions – one arts session delivered by Atelier Arts, and a walk in early March. The walk was planned as part of video filming for a report being produced by *Renisi* and commissioned by Defra looking into the health benefits of outdoor activity. Elliott *from Close Up Research* accompanied the participants and filmed part of the walk, as well as a few one to one interviews.



The PEN group walk in March was a popular event



Art work completed by PEN participants

Covid Impacts

We have continued planning for year 3, with all sessions in the first block of activity advertised widely. Unfortunately this will now be put on hold due to the current situation. We have developed contingency plans based on different timeframes for delivery over the rest of this year, depending on when the current lockdown ends.

Creatively Engaging People in our Radical History

Pendle Radicals volunteers continue to explore the stories of various history makers. The group studying mill worker turned writer, **Ethel Carnie Holdsworth**, have now developed a performance piece about their inspirational subject. It combines readings, narrative, songs and a soundscape built up from field recordings collected at Queen Street Mill. The first performance in February was an invitation to the Library at Great Harwood, where the young Ethel lived before moving to Pendle.

Our main commissioned activity this quarter brought the investigation of the radical spirit into the modern world, with a celebration of the vibrant local music scene and its DIY ethos at the time of the punk explosion of 1979/80. **Sick of Being Normal** is a multimedia, collaborative project involving three artists, and combining music, photography, publishing and film. It kicked off with a special reunion event at Burnley Library on 8 February, featuring live music, an exhibition of newly commissioned and archive photos and the launch of a photozine publication featuring the stories of some of the key participants, then and now. Participants came from thousands of miles away to contribute to this unique occasion.

Work continues on the **Radicals Trail**. Designer Alan Ward has now produced final designs for interpretation panels at six sites. Fabrication of a test panel and trialling at the sites will depend on an easing of the lockdown. Meanwhile, the supporting website has been designed and populated, and is ready for testing in a 'beta' version by invited volunteers and partners.

A group exploring the pioneer democratisers of the outdoors, Tom Criddle Stephenson and the Rev TA Leonard, have now developed a themed walk linking their respective stories. This will be published as a download but also premiered at Pendle Walking Festival, whenever that is able to take place.

Singer/historian Jennifer Reid initiated a regular Lancashire dialect group in March, inspired by archivist Paul Graney.

We continue to invite and welcome new volunteers. The Radicals Research Team sharing page on Facebook currently numbers 49 participants.

Posts this quarter on the project blog from Casey Orr, Jennifer Reid and Nick Burton:

<https://pendleradicals.wordpress.com/2020/01/08/punks/>

<https://pendleradicals.wordpress.com/2020/03/19/talking-lancashire/>

<https://pendleradicals.wordpress.com/2020/04/08/songbook/>



Old punks at the 'Sick of Being Normal' performance at Burnley Library

Covid impacts

- Further planned performances of the Ethel performance have been postponed due to the lockdown.
- The Sick of being Normal project will continue in a variety of forms over the coming months, as and when the lockdown permits.
- The lockdown has cancelled the Dialect group meetings, but Jennifer has now moved the group online and is emailing study material to participants
- Volunteer activity is of necessity remote at present. When circumstances allow, we aim to invite our contributors to a Radicals social to celebrate the halfway point of the scheme.

Delivering Community Archaeology sessions and related training

**PENDLE HILL
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Invites you to our second
Community Archaeology Forum
Pendle Hill in the Past
Thursday 26th March
St Mary's Church Hall, Sabden

Come along to find out more about the Community Archaeology project, how you can get involved locally and what archaeological investigation has been going on over the past few years.

For more information and to book onto the event please visit
www.pendlehillproject.com or call 01200 420420.

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Community Archaeology Forum

Our Second annual forum was developed and planned, multiple meetings and discussions were held with potential speakers. The event was planned to take place on Thursday 26th March 2020 at St Mary's Hall in Sabden from 2pm – 6pm. We had arranged 7 speakers to talk about a variety of different topics, and give attendees a chance to get involved in some local archaeology if they wanted to, and 50 people had booked onto the event. Unfortunately this was the first event we had to postpone due to the Covid 19 situation, but we will look to rearrange it for a date in October 2020.

Community Archaeology Training

NAA have delivered 1 training session in this quarter on 11th March – Moorland Survey training session. Unfortunately even though we had 6 people booked on, due to some late cancellations we only had 2 participants.

Further development with local groups

We have had meetings to discuss two potential partnership projects with Pendle Archaeology Group: a small community excavation project in one of the local villages and a roman road research project. At the moment face to face meetings are on hold, however we will look at developing as much desk based research as possible.

Threads

Supporting Volunteering and Learning opportunities across the scheme

Get into Volunteering:

- In partnership with the Ribble Rivers Trust we delivered 5 days of activity for the Ribble Valley and Hyndburn, Pendle and Burnley Police Cadet units. 3 days involved tree planting, and 2 days involved woodland management in Badger Plantation.
- As part of the GiV programme, 16 cadets from each Police Cadet Unit will also be undertaking their John Muir Discovery Award. As part of the Award each Cadet has to complete at least 25 hours of environmental activity that Discovers, Explores, Conserves and Shares experiences of a wild place or wild places.
- We also delivered a woodland management session for the Prince's Trust *Fairbridge* scheme in February and made good connections with the Pennine Lancashire Prince's Trust team – which will hopefully lead to further GiV sessions for the young people that they support.



Young and older, new to volunteering or more experienced: all volunteers are welcome!

Volunteering:

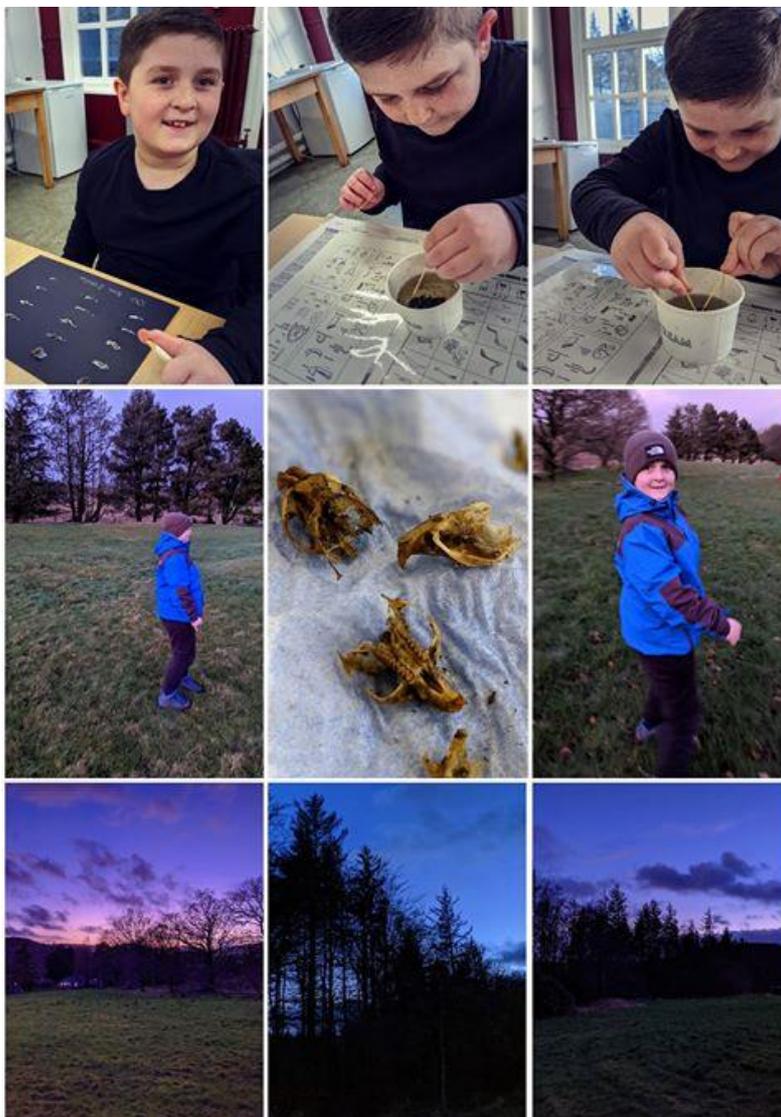
- Carly became a volunteer with the project to complete her University of Central Lancashire placement. As part of her psychology degree, she needed to complete 30 hours for a Community Action module. Carly was interested in Eco-psychology, (the study of human's relationship with the natural world) and therefore got involved in different aspects of the LP Scheme from Little Saplings, to 72 seasons, to woodland management, to WildED Youth Conservation workshops. On completion of her 30 hour placement, Carly

produced a poster for university to explain what she had learnt about herself and Eco-psychology, plus the value of this placement for her future studies and career.

- Christi has been volunteering with us for 6 months, assisting with family events and Little Saplings. Recently Christi was recruited by our partners, Ribble Rivers Trust, to be the new Education and Engagement Officer. Therefore, she will be no longer volunteer with the project, but will continue working with the ECT outdoor learning officer to develop school sessions.
- A training session has been developed for the staff of Pendle Family and Wellbeing centres. The training will consist of activities the staff can do with children and families in the outdoors and linked to nature.

Informal outdoor learning:

- During a very wet February half term, two **Family Nature Events** focussing on owl pellet dissection were delivered at Whitehough outdoor centre, with 49 attendees. The afternoon session consisted of a dark skies walk. Feedback included: "I went with the grandkids last Thursday to learn about owls and look at pellets. We were lucky enough to be able to spend a short time outside, too, at the edge of dark, hearing and catching a glimpse of one of these gorgeous creatures. A fun time for all involved!"



Images from our owl pellet and darkening skies evening walk at Whitehough

- We have been planning to deliver a **Family John Muir Award** to 20 local families who are under-represented in the landscape. The aim is to deliver the Discovery award, allowing local families to learn more about the Pendle Hill landscape and be inspired to revisit the area. Eleven sessions are planned for April to September, to allow families to complete their 25 hours. In addition we created a "How To guide for Independent Families" for those wishing to do the award independently. Sadly, as of the end of March, this project is on hold and the interested families have been informed.

Little Saplings: This winter was very wet, which resulted in a few Little Saplings sessions being cancelled. Attendee numbers were very high, with 51 children in January and 40 in March; many were new parents bringing their children along.

- Due to the increase in demand and popularity, Little Saplings had planned to expand to two new locations on the first Thursday of every month from April at National Trust and LCC Gawthorpe Hall woodlands and the Barley Wildlife Discovery site (which is a Wild About Pendle site). This allows a different geographic community to be involved in outdoor learning and encourages local families to explore other wild spaces on their doorstep. Due to the current situation, all Little Saplings sessions since mid-March are cancelled.

Formal outdoor learning in schools:

Involving school groups in PHLP projects

- Three schools (Roughlee Church of England Primary, Newchurch St Mary's Primary and Clitheroe's Brookside Primary school) attended tree planting school trips with Ribble Rivers Trust and ECT Outdoor Learning Officer. ECT funded the transport for the three local schools, so they could visit the remote Twiston site. The 69 pupils took part in an hour plants and soils national curriculum lesson plan with Outdoor Learning Officer, and then planted native tree saplings. Overall, 50 trees were planted. Feedback from Newchurch head teacher included "The day in February was a brilliant hands on experience for our Key Stage 2 children. All activities were appropriate and fun, and pupils and staff learnt loads." All three schools have plans to work with the Outdoor Learning Officer during the summer term, to help embed outdoor learning within their local area and school grounds.



Ellie from RRT shows Roughlee pupils how to plant a tree at Twiston Beck

ECT, embedding outdoor learning into chosen schools (from both sides of the hill)

- The Outdoor Learning Officer has been meeting with eleven local schools to help develop their ability to deliver outdoor learning lesson within school grounds and local wild areas. School trips are planned for geography and history trips to Barley, river studies along local watercourses, plant and minibeast investigation sessions within school grounds and tree planting lesson for Woodland Trust Award. Some of these schools are working through a new ECT framework "Theory of Change" to achieve a joint goal of having "more people reconnected with nature, resulting in more people likely to protect the environment".

- Delivery on the Action for Conservation WildED has included three workshops delivered at each school, Pendle community High School and Ribblesdale High school. Sessions include learning about conservation and climate change, recycling and making bird feeders from plastic bottles to learning about the importance of minibeasts and building bug hotels. The final workshop and joint dragons den project have been postponed due to the coronavirus pandemic.



Pendle Community High School's SEN group completed bug hotel

Covid Impacts

The lockdown has had a massive impact on our volunteering and learning project: all activity has been cancelled and most of our plans for the summer have been put on hold. As the lockdown is further extended the harder it becomes to plan for the next stage, and the more our momentum slows.

We will be putting together opportunities for volunteers to meet and share ideas on line, but reaching new audiences is increasingly difficult as people struggle to cope with isolation, and disconnection from nature and heritage grows for those who perhaps would benefit from it most.

Holding the Gatherings and annual events to engage new audiences

Peat Residency

In this quarter artist Kerry Morrison has worked with the Gatherings to plan a launch event for the Peat Pie across a range of eateries located in the local area. We have:

- met with a number of pie producers and successfully secured a local, independent producer for the Peat pie (<http://www.piemezzanae.co.uk/pieheroes>.)
- started relationships and conversations with local eateries (including pubs, restaurants, cafes and sandwich vans) and begun to look at how they could either produce the pie or be a distributor of the pies made by Piemezzanae. We have identified 18 venues across the catchment areas which we feel will be well suited for the project and pie launch. These conversations have now had to be put on hold due to closures during the current pandemic.
- been in conversation with local eatery OneSixty who have agreed to host an exhibition of the project as well as creating an artisan pie based on the original recipes.
- been in conversation with local independent ice cream procurers Dawsons who we hope will work with us to create an additional project outcome in the form of a Pendle Peat Pud. This Peat inspired Ice cream would help interpret peat restoration process in a novel way to local people.
- planned a seeding event through which we had planned to create a film (this was due to happen on May 3rd) however has had to be postponed due to the lockdown.
- worked with Kerry Morrison to develop a strategy plan for the launch of the pie which was planned to happen in the next quarter (June). Due to the current global pandemic all eateries have now been closed and so the launch of the pie has been postponed.

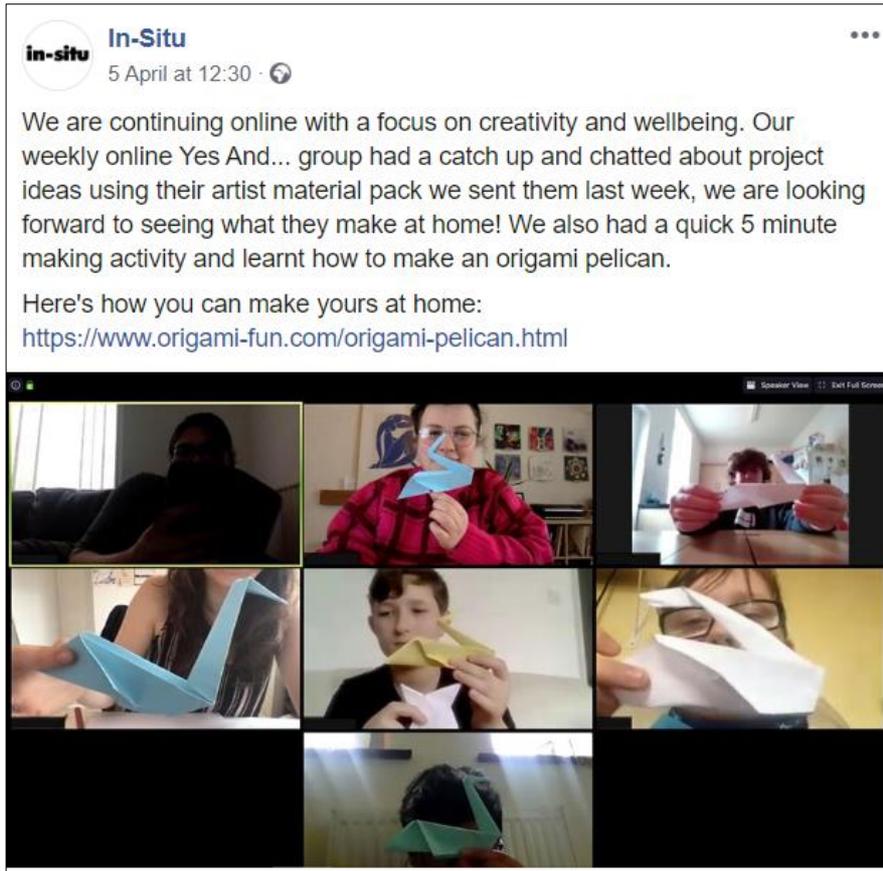
The Summit (formerly YOUNG RADICALS)

During this quarter we have further developed our young radicals program. This has included:

- Applying for a second match funding bid through a lottery grant (Awards for All - which we have not yet heard back from) to deliver the YR program through a bid to 'Co'-creating change'.
- Renamed/ rebranded the project due to concerns and conversations with partners over the potentially negative connotations of the term 'Radicals' This project will now be entitled 'The Summit'
- Visiting Whitehough to determine suitability for residential and booked a 4 day block at Whitehough outdoor centre as part of the project
- Creating a brief and an open call for artists to work on the project. We have chosen to put this opportunity out to call, however in light of the Covid 19 situation we are prepared to be flexible in the approach and timescale for this residency.
- Hosting further school visits to build awareness of YP opportunities and recruit for the project. This has included:
 - a. Holding a stand at the Creative Careers week at Nelson and Colne College, which was attended by 900 young people from across different areas.
 - b. Hosting an exhibition visit and creative sessions with young people from TAZ (a local pupil referral unit) to begin to build relationships with YP who may want to join the project
 - c. Working with local schools to build engagement with young people and recruit participants for the core project. This initial engagement and relationship building has achieved been through staff from PHLP (Alison Cross) and In-situ (Zoya Bhatti) leading sessions with students from

Ribblesdale High School and Pendle Community School (SEN) until March 2020. Sessions had to be stopped earlier than planned due to the Covid 19 pandemic.

- d. Hosting weekly meet ups with local young people from Brierfield at The Garage through In-Situ's ongoing youth programme 'Yes And..'. Members of this group will be invited to join the Young Radicals programme. Sessions were moved to be conducted online due to the Covid 19 pandemic. We have, to date, led 3 online workshops over the platform Zoom to try and retain engagement with the YP. This has been to varying success so far.
- e. Some initial R&D for the program was started with More Music's James Baxter who is due to work with us on the longer term Summit project. James led 3 sessions with the YP in Brierfield however these sessions had to be stopped earlier than planned due to the Covid 19 pandemic.



Traditional boundaries

In this quarter we have selected and contracted the Artist **Isabella Martin** (www.isabellarosemartin.co.uk) to join us as artist in residence for the 'Traditional Boundaries' strand. Isabella will interpret this theme in new and novel ways, working with the local community and liaising with experts through a number of identified opportunities around dry stone walling and hedging.

Due to the outbreak of Covid 19 we have had to create a more flexible timeline for Isabella's residency. In this quarter we have been supporting Isabella to develop her ideas and create a proposal for how she intends to respond to the brief.

Isabella Martin is a visual artist who works with people and places, exploring how we fit in the world and relate to our surroundings. Her work moves between mediums and is context specific; driven by interdisciplinary collaboration, in-depth research and experimental play.

#thegatherings #phlp #isabellamartin Pendle Hill HLF Project



Artist development day

We led an artist development day on the 3rd April to support artists in their grant applications for working with us. This session had to be held online as a group 'zoom' call due to the outbreak of Covid 19. It was attended by 19 artists and practitioner, mainly Lancashire based artists.

Following the session the artists were given follow up resources, both for general development and support and for situation-specific support regarding the Covid 19 outbreak and its impact in the sector and working as freelancers.

We had a number of people with different experiences in the session including: accountants, artists, a wellbeing and resilience coach, evaluators, and PHLP Community Engagement Officer Jayne Ashe.

The artists reported that they found the session useful and informative and would like to have this as a monthly session. We will continue to support artists in this way during the next quarter

Volunteer recruitment day

In this quarter we held a volunteer recruitment day at the Garage, targeting mainly local people and students. Through this day we promoted opportunities to volunteer with projects. We also promoted our artists development and graduate opportunities: 7 local people attended

Graduate opportunities

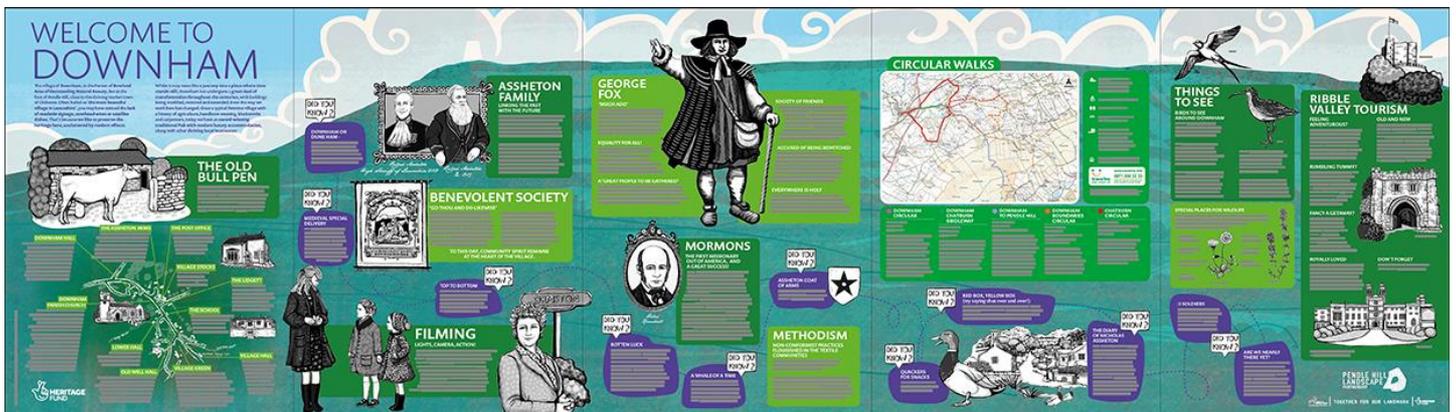
We have begun to draft the job description for the graduate trainee to be recruited to In-Situ. We have made contact with and had organised visits to promote the opportunity at UCLAN and Blackburn college in May. We have had to cancel visits due to the college closures but are able to target students through relationships with tutors.

Co-ordinating Interpretation and Publicity

In February a photo skills sessions was delivered for the PHLP team by Salar Media. It was an opportunity to get out into the field to learn some skills around photographing volunteering activities in the landscape in all weather conditions. This will prove to be very useful for the team for photo documenting their day to day activities and for the promotion of the project.

We have designed and printed our second volunteer programme of events for 2020, this will be distributed to regular volunteers, to a range of centres and shops in the LP area and also to give out during other activities to encourage more people to get involved.

Our first interpretation panels for Downham information barn are at the production company and will be installed once building works allow.



Staffing and Programme Management

This has been a busy quarter with a number of contracts finally getting underway and groundworks taking place. We have also been busy planning for the Spring and Summer only to be brought to a sudden halt with the coronavirus lockdown starting on 23rd March 2020.

Our two new staff, Helen and Dom have settled in really well and are making a big difference to the smooth running of the team and scheme, and the level of activity we can now sustain. Both have also had chance to attend a variety of project activities to get a flavour of the range which we deliver.

Staff have been offered training and support – Jayne has been undertaking an online course run by Dig Ventures and has also taken up on a free offer of life-coaching from a colleague at the River's Trust; whilst Sarah Dornan has completed participation in a national 'Taking the Lead' programme with NAAONB.

We have been approached by Defra colleagues twice, responding to requests to input to research on health and wellbeing and also on project and programme monitoring good practice.

We are preparing for our end of year reporting – mapping and recording of outputs and tracking of finances – to assist with our forecasting and also to input to the mid term review which will take place in May.

We held a Board meeting in February which included site visits to Martholme Greenway (a beneficiary of a community grant) and one of our recently laid hedgerow sites. It is unlikely that the planned May meeting will go ahead, although papers will go out to members and we will attempt a virtual session for the evaluation process.

Activities and Events held in January – March 2020

PROJECT	About the Session					About the Participants	
	Date	start and end t	duration (hours)	Activity type	Location	Total Adults	Total Children or students
PEN	30/01/2020	13.00 - 16.00	3	PEN session	Pendleton Village Hall	8	1
	05/03/2020	13.00 - 16.00	3	PEN session	Downham	10	0
Radicals	15/01/2020	10:30-12:30	2	Activity	MPA office	5.00	
	25/01/2020	10:00-12:30	2.5	Activity	MPA office	8.00	
	05/02/2020	17:00-19:30	2.5	Event	Great Harwood Library	35.00	
	08/02/2020	19:00-23:00	4	Event	Burnley Central Library	196.00	
	08/02/2020	23:00-03:00	4	Event	The Gallery, Creative Arts Bar	150.00	
	11/02/2020	14:30-15:45	1.25	Event	Pendle Heritage Centre	20.00	
	02/03/2020	11:30-13:30	2	Event	Booths Barrowford	4.00	
	16/03/2020	11:30-13:30	2	Activity	Booths Barrowford	4.00	
Archaeology	11/03/2020	10.00 - 13.00	3	Training session	The Rough and surrounding Open A	2.00	0.00
Gatherings	10/01/2020	10.00 - 15.00	5	The Hut tour	Colne Town Centre	45.00	
	26/02/2020	3.00 - 5.00	2	Yes And - Summit sessions	The Garage		11.00
	04/03/2020	3.00 - 5.00	2	Yes And - Summit sessions	The Garage		11.00
	11/03/2020	3.00 - 5.00	2	Yes And - Summit sessions	The Garage		4.00
	25/02/2020	2.00 - 4.00	2	Volunteer Recruitment	The Garage	5.00	
	25/02/2020	6.00 - 8.00	2	Volunteer Recruitment	The Garage	2.00	
	03/04/2020	9.30 - 12.30	3	Artists Training	Zoom digital video calling	15.00	
Volunteering & Learning	15/01/2020	10-11.30	1.5	Little Saplings	Spring wood	16	28
	15/01/2020	1.30-3.00	1.5	Little Saplings	Victoria Park	16	23
	22/01/2020	1.30-3.30	2	Wild ED	Ribblesdale	24	1
	23/01/2020	1.15-3.15	2	LO ECT/WINNS	Twiston Beck	3	23
	04/02/2020	1.30-3.00	1.5	LO ECT AFC	Pendle Community High school	3	17
	06/02/2020	9.30-12.00	2.5	LO ECT/WINNS	Twiston Beck	3	23
	13/02/2020	1.30-3.30	2	Wild ED	Ribblesdale	24	1
	20/02/2020	12.30-14.30	2	LO ECT	Whitehough	5	12
	20/02/2020	16.00-18.30	2.5	LO ECT	Whitehough	11	21
	21/02/2020	1.30-2.30	1	LO FOB Dark Skies	Downham village hall	6	19
	21/02/2020	3.00-4.00	1	LO FOB Dark Skies	Downham village hall	6	8
	25/02/2020	1.30-3.00	1.5	Wild ED	Pendle Community High school	2	16
	27/02/2020	9.30-11.30	2	LO ECT/WINNS	Twiston Beck	2	11
	27/02/2020	12.45-14.45	2	LO ECT/WINNS	Twiston Beck	2	12
	04/03/2020	1.30-2.30	1	Wild ED	Ribblesdale	24	1
	10/03/2020	1.30-3.00	1.5	Wild ED	Pendle Community High school	3	16
	11/03/2020	10-11.30	1.5	Little Saplings	Spring wood	30	31
	11/03/2020	1.30-3.00	1.5	Little Saplings	Victoria Park	6	9
			77.75			695	299
			hours	total participants =		994	

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Events/Activities	36
total hours duration	78
total participants	994
adults attended	695
children attended	299
Total under 18 mths old	12
Total 18 m to 4 year olds	105
Total 4 to 7 year olds	23
Total 7 to 11 year olds	79
Total 11 to 14 year olds	74
Total 14 to 16 year olds	75
Total 16 to 18 year olds	0
Total 18 to 25 year olds	0
public land	16
private land	11
community land	9
public events	16
pre booked/invite only events*	31