



PRESS RELEASE

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Give Pendle Hill a Helping Hand

As part of Volunteers' Week 2019 the Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership are hosting opportunities for potential volunteers who may be interested in getting involved in their different volunteering roles.

The Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership Outdoor Learning Officer is looking for potential volunteers to assist with the delivery of free family events. On Saturday 1st June, there are drop in taster sessions for those who want experience of working with children, or delivering family events. This also includes those who have some free time and wish to pass on their nature knowledge to the next generation. Drop in on Saturday in the morning (Spring Wood, Whalley) or afternoon (Victoria Park, Nelson) to find out more about joining the team and the fun activities you can be part of. For more details about times and locations, please get in touch.

On Wednesday 5th June, local members of the public are invited to join the project at Spring Wood from 6pm to find out more about other volunteering opportunities with the Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership. This 'Introduction to Volunteering with the Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership' session will give potential volunteers a chance to meet some of the team, learn more about how they can get involved and take part in a habitat management activity in Spring Wood. The project will also be launching their volunteering programme for the rest of 2019.

Supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund, the Pendle Hill project provides opportunities for a variety of volunteering activities – from practical conservation management to footpath maintenance. There are also opportunities for corporate volunteering groups and local groups who may want to try volunteering together as part of the 'Get into Volunteering' initiative.

For more information about these sessions, or volunteering in general, look on our website <https://pendlehillproject.com/get-involved>, email volunteer@pendle-hill-lp.co.uk or call 01200 420 420.

Photo Caption: Pendle Hill Volunteers helping with some grassland management at the Clarion House.

EDITORS NOTES

- The Pendle Hill landscape partnership is led by the Forest of Bowland AONB.
- The partnership aims to:

- I. restore, enhance and conserve the heritage and landscape of Pendle Hill
- II. reconnect people with their past and their landscape
- III. bring the two sides of the hill together
- IV. create a sustainable future for the environment, heritage and for visitors' experience of Pendle Hill

- The scheme was awarded a National Lottery grant of £1.8million by the National Lottery Heritage Fund in January 2018. These funds will be delivered from 2018-2022 and will be matched with a further £1m raised locally.
- The scheme is made up of a dozen projects which safeguard the area's wildlife and heritage and improve people's access to this popular countryside area. We will do this by providing opportunities for training and volunteering; by supporting research and devising creative and digital interpretation to inspire a new generation about our heritage; by restoring important landscape features, and by working with communities to re-tell the stories of radical Pendle people. The scheme will increase pride in this special place and raise aspirations amongst communities, and it will bring in new investment to support the environment and the economy.
- The Pendle Hill landscape partnership is supported by National Lottery players through the Heritage Fund and by the Forest of Bowland AONB. Partners include representatives of parish councils, the landowning and farming community, Pendle and Ribble Valley Borough Councils, Lancashire County Council, statutory bodies, tourism businesses and volunteers.
- Projects will be delivered by the AONB team, plus local delivery partners including In –Situ Arts, the Dry Stone Walling Association, Mid Pennine Arts and Ribble Rivers Trust.
- The Pendle Hill LP covers 120 square kilometres, stretching from Gisburn down to Whalley, and from Clitheroe across to Nelson and Padiham.
- The Hill is well known as a beauty spot and is heavily visited by residents of the local towns: it is a perfect place for walking and cycling. The area's heritage is dominated by the story of the Pendle Witches, but there are lots more stories to tell including the founding of the Quaker movement, non- conformists and radicals, Roman and Bronze Age settlers, medieval farming systems and early industrial developments. The network of dry stone walls and hedgerows give the area a distinctive feel, and the landscape is also important for its wild moorland, rare birds and woodlands.
- For further information contact the LP Scheme Manager cathy.hopley@lancashire.gov.uk on 07891 537835 / 01200 420420
- Visit the project website at www.pendlehillproject.com or visit our Facebook page 'Pendle Hill Project' for up to date news and views.

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