

FRIENDS OF HOLLINSWOOD & RANDLAY VALLEY

Environmental Officer's report to Hollinswood & Randlay Parish Council – November 2024

Volunteer Days

Further to my last report, our monthly volunteer days have continued to be successful. Nova Training are very keen to attend every month, too. We also recently had a request to have Landau Training attend our volunteer days - we will be meeting with them next year to start working closely with them, too.

Evening Volunteer Day/ Weekends

The first weekend volunteer day was also very successful with a lot of work being completed and a couple more new faces attended. We thinned and scalloped around the perimeter of the woodland area - which is location in the middle of the meadow - to make a wavy shaped woodland edge.

Grants

I'm happy to confirm that we have put in a grant application to Veolia for funding to make the path near the kissing gate safe for public to use. Also, we are looking at the Telford & Wrekin Sports and Recreation Trust community grant (this grant aims to improve the emotional wellbeing and mental health and also help maintain a healthy weight) so we are thinking about carrying on the bench to bench walk on the Randlay side. This route will be called the blue route and it will go from Mo's underpass to the other underpass at side of the pub.

Events

Events over the Halloween period were very successful with arts and crafts having around 50 families attend. Due to it being so successful, we are now planning a Christmas festival event, with arts and crafts on 23rd December.

The film night was well attended and I just wanted to say big thank you to everyone who helped on the day and particularly to John who created an amazing Halloween atmosphere for all to enjoy.

Don't forget we have a winter walk through the valley on 27th December at 10am from Hollinswood Pavilion - with mince pies and mulled wine too.

All details and times will be published nearer the time.

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