

Volunteer newsletter – August 2022

Dear TTTV volunteers,

Welcome to August's newsletter! I hope you enjoy this update, there has been lots going on over the summer months!

Updates from the team



Free to join
Open to everyone

trent rivers trust

Trent Valley Way walking festival

The Weekender
Laid-back walks along the latest sections of the Trent Valley Way

24th September 10.30am - 3pm Locations: Tucklesholme Nature Reserve & Shardlow Village Hall	25th September 10.30am - 3pm Locations: The Wolseley Centre & Alrewas
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The Ultra
1st October
Unlock the latest section of the Trent Valley Way. Walk 51km from Rugeley to Shardlow

For more detailed information on location, activities and parking please visit:
www.trentriverstrust.org/trent-valley-way/

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Trent Valley Way

The Trent Valley Way is approaching its opening event, and Alison is working hard to get everything in place for the end of September. She has a hardworking team of survey volunteers who are helping her with monitoring the footpaths, planning the launch weekend, and will be helping in different roles throughout the weekend. For more information about the launch of the Trent Valley Way, visit the Trent Rivers Trust website: www.trentriverstrust.org/trent-valley-way/

Photography Volunteers

The photography volunteers continue to add to our collection of images showcasing the Trent Valley. All our photographs can be viewed in the gallery on the TTTV website: www.thetrentvalley.org.uk/gallery. A new feature page showcasing Rugeley's industrial heritage incorporates some of the fantastic images taken recently by volunteers www.thetrentvalley.org.uk/discover/rugeley-town



Photo by Martin Robinson

Friends of Brook Hollows

The Friends of Brook Hollows continue to work hard at Rolleston Brook Hollows on the first Sunday of the month with activities including litter picking, footpath maintenance, cutting back scrub, invasive species removal and setting up log circles for community groups to use.

In July, the Friends were joined by the Burton Conservation Volunteers and the Burton Ahmadiyya Muslim Community to construct some formal footpaths in areas of the woodland that become impassable during the winter months. Drainage was dug out and tonnes of stone was wheelbarrowed to site by hard working volunteers. The finished paths have since been topped with woodchip to help them blend with the rest of the woodland paths.



Before, during and after of one of the sections of path

Community Grants Panel

The Community Grants Panel met in August to discuss the latest round of applications to the TTTV Community Grants Scheme. We started the evening with a walk to a site that had previously been funded by the Community Grants Scheme, a community orchard in Marchington Parish. It was a beautiful sunny evening, and it was lovely to see the willow arbour providing a shady spot to relax, as well as the alder trees thriving.

Back in the meeting room, we had a lively discussion about the applications, and the group decided to award grants to 5 of the 9 applications received.





Transforming Lives

We would like to say a huge congratulations to recent trainees who have completed their accredited training in Environmental Conservation and Land Management. It's been great to work with them and see them progress to new opportunities – previous trainees now have employment in grounds maintenance, outdoor learning, and conservation advisory roles. Well done to everyone for their hard work!

The next cohort of trainees is open for applications, if you know of anyone who would be interested in completing this accredited qualification and taking a step into a conservation career, then please contact Simon Lowe – slowe@derbyshirewt.co.uk

New Staff

We have a very small staff change this month. We are delighted to welcome Vicky Broad, who will be helping Kathryn out with the Wildchild project. Vicky has worked for Staffordshire Wildlife Trust for a number of years already, and will be focussing on delivering school engagement activities on key heritage sites in the TTTV area. Welcome Vicky!

Thanks for reading!

Team Trent

(Sarah Burnett, Hamish Jeffreson, Simon Lowe, Louise Morris, Kathryn Kavanagh, Victoria Bunter, Alison Thornhill, Nicola Lynes, Mark Knight, Marie Smith, Jane Ewing, Vicky Broad)

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