

Volunteer newsletter – November 2021

Dear TTTV volunteers,

Welcome to November's newsletter, hopefully you will enjoy the round up of news from the team over the last couple of months.

Updates from the team

Team Day – tracking beavers

The team had a rare day out together recently at Willington Wetlands nature reserve. After a hearty breakfast at Mercia Marina, we headed to Willington for a tour with Henry Richards, the Living Landscapes Officer from Derbyshire Wildlife Trust who is managing the beaver project. While we were hopeful to catch a glimpse of the mammals in action, we had to settle for spotting signs of their activity – these fantastic pictures of beaver tracks and chewing were taken by Kathryn Kavanagh, our Wildchild Officer.



Trent Valley Way updates

Trent Valley Way volunteers have continued to survey the footpath route and identify work that needs to be undertaken to improve the structures on the route.

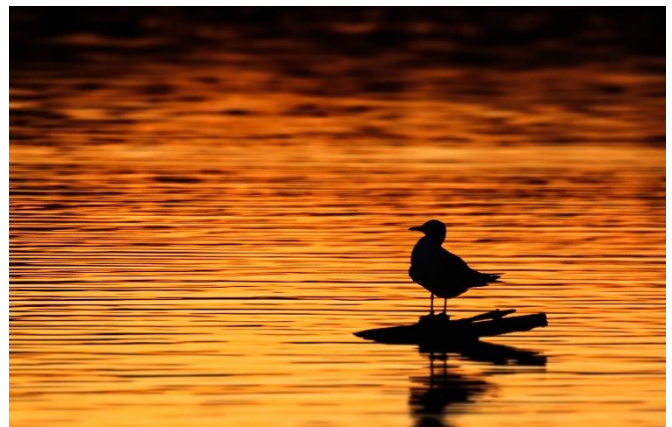
There may be stiles that need repair, bridges that need to be re-built, or even steps to be created.

Waymarking also needs to be marked and locations for interpretation to be confirmed. This work is almost complete and we will soon be able to commission contractors to begin work on the ground.

Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped over the last 6 months.

Photography volunteers – Monday Moments

If you follow us on social media, you may have noticed our new 'Monday Moments' posts, featuring photos from the Trent Valley Photography Volunteers. We have such a lot of beauty in our landscape, and these posts and pictures are helping to share the hidden gems across the scheme area. This sunset shot is by Brian Tiptree.



Events and opportunities

Wildchild activities

Kathryn has several family winter decoration workshops planned, spaces are limited though so book early if you want to join in!

Wooden Reindeer Workshops: Saturday 4th December, 10-11.30am in Winhill.
Saturday 11th December, 1-2.30pm at Sinai Park House.

Wreath workshops: Saturday 4th December, 1-2.30pm in Winhill
Saturday 11th December, 10-11.30am at Sinai Park House

Book here: <https://www.thetrentvalley.org.uk/events.php>

Trent Talks

They're back! Online talks based around sustainability, wildlife and the environment to help us stay connected to nature and each other during the winter months.

Tuesday 7th December, 7-8.30pm: **Trent Talks with Dave Emley Part 1: Introduction to Moths**

Tuesday 14th December, 7-8.30pm: **Trent Talks with Dave Emley Part 2: Understanding and Recording Moths.**

Book here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/trent-talks-with-dave-emley-part-1-intro-to-moths-tickets-216201704117>

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Thanks for reading.

Team Trent

(From L-R: Sarah Burnett, Hamish Jeffreson, Simon Lowe, Louise Morris, Kathryn Kavanagh, Victoria Bunter, Alison Thornhill, Nicola Lynes, Mark Knight)

