



Newsletter August 2022

Hello Everyone,

I hope you're all well after the mini heatwave last week. We can do without any more like that. Anyway, there's plenty to report, so no more chat.

Litter Picking: 16 people went out, they did 22 hours' work and collected 19 bags. Well done, another great result. Just as an aside, really, I came across two open cans of beer whilst litter picking on Trapp Lane, still with plenty of beer in (facing uphill). Also inside were dead slugs, lots of them, I counted 22 in one! Just another example of litter being harmful to wildlife. Hedgehogs, frogs and toads just love slugs and snails. One of the PCSO's has volunteered to come litter picking soon too! August Litter Picking: 4th - 7th, black bags will be in the little bin at the far end of the Stork car park. Please let me know whether you can do your usual route, (if you can't I can re-allocate it) and your results. Thank you.

Gardening: Our gardeners have been providing watery life support to the plants on Worthalls Road and elsewhere, including the newly planted saplings on Church Street gardens and the green area below the Stork car park. Rain came in the nick of time for some, but it's looking really good.



Thursday mornings are still gardening mornings, 10.00 - 12.00. Read Parish Council have very kindly put up two notices on Worthalls Road, acknowledging that the work there has been done by REG. Also, someone has made and hung up some decorative pieces on the trees, including a Union flag and a red rose of Lancashire. Anyone know who it was?

Pollinator Project: I stood in for Sue, and went with Gayle to both the schools to help their eco-warriors make a count of the pollinating insects on the wildflowers in the new beds we helped them to create last autumn.

The children enjoyed counting the numbers of bees, wasps, hover flies, and found there were many more than they counted last year. So our little project, sponsored by the Pendle Hill Landscape Project, has been a success. The money we got from PHLP also paid for more litter pickers and other equipment, including loppers, goggles and leather gauntlets.



We have presented both schools with hedgehog houses (pictured) and a wildlife camera each, complete with rechargeable batteries, which they

were thrilled to receive.

Himalayan Balsam: So far we have spent 49 hours pulling it out. This week we are doing an afternoon session, possibly Thursday. Please let me know if you don't usually come but are interested, otherwise I will contact the regulars to see which will be the best day.

REG Leaflet, Help Needed: Our promotional leaflet is back from the printers and we will be delivering them around the villages very soon. A few people have offered to help, but we would be very grateful for some more volunteers. If you can help, just for an hour or so, that would be very much appreciated. Contact Gayle on **07779 506499**, or email her: gw@gayle-victoria.com. Thank you.

Coming Up: Our AGM will be on Thursday, 15th September at 7.30pm at the Hub in the Village Hall. We will have a speaker from the Ribble Rivers Authority, which should be very interesting indeed.

Finally, the Prospects Foundation, Hyndburn's own environmental charity, are having an 'Eco Fest 2022' in Accrington town square on Saturday, 13th August, 10.00am -4pm, to celebrate all things green and environmentally friendly, with " Live samba band, Kids' magic show, Live acoustic covers, Live brass band, Food and drink, Greenpeace eco talk, Birds of prey, Chainsaw carving duo, Arts and Crafts, plus lots more!" It looks like a lot of fun and entertainment.

Please come to the AGM and the next meeting of REG after that. We really need you, your ideas, your skills, and your enthusiasm.

Penny