



## Volunteer newsletter May 2023

**Dear TTTV volunteers** – Welcome to our May volunteer update, where we celebrate the great work you've been doing with TTTV. We hope you enjoy this snapshot of the variety of tasks you help us with, and do pay attention to the 'save the date' at the end!

## Photography volunteers

In April, Marie and Kathryn joined a couple of the photography volunteers for a trip to Crich Tramway Village to see the chainsaw sculptor, Andrew Frost. Andrew is creating a beautiful bird screen for Tucklesholme that will also serve as a windbreak for the Wild Child area.



# Her itags Find

"I can't go for too long without being on the river, or round the river or near the river, or having connections with the river.. I get on my boat, and your life is your own.

Every time you go out there's a new adventure. And it just clears your head of everything.

Everybody should do it! "

# Student placements

We've hosted a few students this year from Keele University who have helped us with various tasks supporting the team.

Keeley Beeston completed a 'data analyst' placement for us, analysing the wildlife records that have been collected on iRecord since 2019 and comparing these to data collected before the scheme started. You can read her findings here (spoiler alert – it shows that our Wildlife Recording Volunteer group are prolific at making wildlife records!)

www.thetrentvalley.org.uk/resources/wildlife-recording/

Ella Morrow has done a fantastic job in recent months of creating and scheduling our social media posts, and also creating images to support the launch of the Tales of the Riverbank exhibition – find out more here:

www.thetrentvalley.org.uk/projects/tales-from-the-river-bank/





#### Friends of Brook Hollows

More artwork is going up in the Trent Valley, most recently thanks to the Friends of Brook Hollows who have installed a beautiful totem at Brook Hollows. The eagle is the motif of the Mosley family, who once owned the site. The Friends continue to meet every month to manage the site.





# Photography volunteers

An exhibition of our photography volunteers' amazing work took a trip in our trailer to Burton Hospital, where passers by could take a look at the fabulous images of our landscape. This exhibition will soon be installed as an exhibition in the hospital itself, where it will bring the beauty of the Trent Valley inside the building to support staff and patient wellbeing.

# Upcoming events and activities

## Wildchild Activities and Wild Walk and Draw/Forest Bathing events:

Events are now being planned in for the summer, take a look here to book you and your family onto our Wildchild activities: https://bit.ly/3Orl3eM





# Save the Date: Family Fun Day celebration event, Saturday 9th September 2023

We are organising a big celebration event on Saturday 9th September, to showcase all the fabulous work we've been doing over the last 4 years. We'll be running various activities if you want to take an active role in the day, but we also want you to pop it in your diaries and bring all your friends and families to celebrate with us. So save the date and look out for more info!



Thanks for reading, Team Trent @TheTrentValley