



ANNUAL REVIEW 2022

PRINCIPLES AND PATHWAYS

A synthesis of the '5 Ways to Well Being'
and the '12 Permaculture Principles'

CONNECT

We value and nurture connections with people, organisations and projects. We appreciate the unique qualities that come from differences and the resilience that comes from diversity. We actively work with the marginal - both people and places on the edges - harnessing creativity and inspiration.

BE ACTIVE

We actively link people, projects and places, trying to improve how different elements connect. We encourage people and organisations to support themselves and each other to develop physical and mental resilience. We make sure the action we take is effective, relevant and sustainable, working together on long term goals and solutions to real life problems.

TAKE NOTICE

We take notice of people's feelings, including our own, helping us to work with empathy and compassion. We pay attention to our impact, ensuring that we use our resources wisely - harnessing the abundance of the natural world and limiting our negative impact on it. We observe and reflect on patterns we see in nature and society to help us make decisions on how we behave.

KEEP LEARNING

We are always open to feedback, helping us improve as an organisation, and as individuals. We seek out better ways of working, and adapt to change creatively. We reflect on how our interventions affect people and situations.

GIVE

We share surpluses, giving to people and organisations when we can. We reward people for their efforts and make sure gratitude is regular and sincere. We ensure that projects are meaningful to the people and places we work with, leading to yields that are rewarding and relevant.



OUR YEAR IN NUMBERS

155
CHILDREN

4
EDUCATION
PROJECTS

181
ONE OFF
VOLUNTEERS

10 194 21

COMMUNITY
PROJECTS &
GROUPS

REGULAR
VOLUNTEERS

DESIGN & BUILD
PROJECTS

456
SESSIONS

1386
HOURS

DESIGN & BUILD



This year has been challenging for Design & Build, with a slowdown in interest as organisations tried to navigate the energy and cost of living crisis.

We have restructured our Design & Build team to ease the financial pressure and although this has been challenging, we have become a more focused and stronger team.



In spite of these challenges, we have had some amazing successes with the projects we have delivered providing beautiful spaces in some of the most built up areas of Leeds.

We helped to transform a disused carpark into a 'Urban Oasis' at the Bilal Sports Centre in Harehills, continued with the ongoing developments at Cross Green Growing Together and designed and planted some mini Forest Gardens in Hunslet.



We worked in partnership with the University of Leeds & Feed Leeds to build some 'Little Veg Libraries' we hope to be able to expand on this plant sharing scheme at further sites across Leeds.



We are excited to announce that our Building Skills group will restart in 2023 with support and funding through The National Lottery.

We are looking forward to welcoming new volunteers into the project, If you are interested in developing your woodwork skills, meeting new people and giving back to the local community, please contact [volunteer](mailto:volunteer@hydeparksource.org)

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HPS HAVE PROVIDED ME WITH MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN NEW SKILLS. ENGAGE IN COMMUNITY PROJECTS AND ENCOURAGED ME TO SPEND MORE TIME OUTDOORS.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION



WE DELIVERED 4 PROJECTS THIS YEAR WORKING WITH 155 CHILDREN.

Rosebank Rangers is our longest running Outdoor Education project, based right next to our building on The Rosebank. Lots of the kids have started



litter picking on their walk to school every day – taking their role

as a Ranger seriously! We have been sowing seeds, den building, tree climbing, leaf bashing and herbal balm making.



The Rangers also created some amazing autumn inspired art for the 'Our Earth Our City' exhibition, which was on show at Trinity Church.

Another long-standing partnership with New Shoots at Bracken Edge Primary, we ran our Wild Gardeners after school club – working with over 40 children this year. With a brand new shed, chicken coop, planters, a pond, fire pit, woodland and newly arrived pygmy goats (!) this is an amazing school to work at.

"RANGERS DAY IS THE BEST DAY OF THE WEEK!"

One of the highlights of the year was the Spring Fling event we planned with the Friends of Bracken Edge where we welcomed two new goats, made bike powered smoothies and cooked cheese pitas on the rocket stove!



HEALTHY HOLIDAYS



Healthy Holidays supports families who might need extra help to tackle holiday hunger, inactivity, and isolation. We have ran two projects this year and provided 2180 meals.

We provided a huge range of activities for the kids to get involved with including: Den making, decorating birdboxes, experimented with clay, wheel barrow assault course, slacklining, cooking bread,

popcorn and smores on an open fire, fire lighting with a steel and flint, making fruit kebabs & bird bingo



We worked with lots of amazing partners to help us deliver this work including Foodwise, Dazl, Hamara, Seasonwell, Rethink Food, Opera North, Zest & Health for All

We took four trips to Scarborough beach and the Sealife centre, which was an absolute blast! For some children it was the first time they had been to the coast and paddled in the sea. One child exclaimed it was the happiest day of her life!



HUGE THANKS TO EVERYONE WE WORKED WITH!





COMMUNITY GARDENING

ADVENTURES!



We have continued to run 7 Community Gardens this year, it's been great to see each of the groups and gardens grow in their own special way. We have done lots of cross pollination this year with groups visiting each other and joining in with a big range of socials and trips out. After the pandemic it seemed that people were very keen to do more of this so we listened and have had a year full of adventures!



Highlights of the year have included; the annual bluebell walk to Otley including fish & chips, the Woodland Gala with Leeds Coppice Workers at Meanwood Valley Urban Farm, educational Bee workshops, a tour of Leeds United's stadium and our annual OAWimbledon event with cucumber cream cheese sandwiches and scones galore followed by some friendly games of tennis!

The Lost Plot group were also successful in securing some extra funding to fund a trip to Scarborough! They enjoyed it so much it will now be the start of a yearly tradition for the group. We also arranged a visit to RHS garden Harlow Carr during their festival of flavours event. We wandered around the beautiful gardens, had a tour and checked out some cooking demonstrations.





COMMUNITY GARDENING



The Kirkstall Abbey group have tended their perennial and annual flower beds within the walled garden area near abbey house museum - with a big focus on creating both a drought resistant and pollinator friendly design.

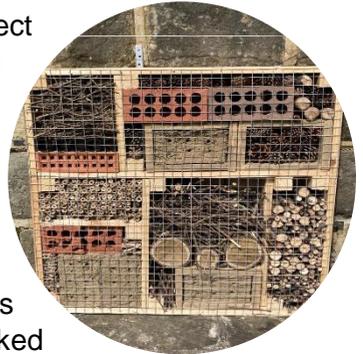


This summer the blazing heat and weeks of no rain really tested the borders out to the full but they still bloomed into a rainbow of colour that was alive and loudly buzzing with bees and beneficial insects.

9 bumblebee species were identified at a bee ID workshop that volunteers took part in so they all felt really pleased that their hard work had paid off!



Learning about biodiversity, insect life and the mini ecosystems we can create within Leeds' local green environment is also a focus for our volunteers at St Mary's Rooftop garden group in Chapeltown, as well as growing lots of tasty veg crops.



Their native perennial wildflower area sown last year, with the guidance of Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust, looked

amazing. This June in its first summer with red campion, vetch, field scabious, yellow rattle, burnett and ox eye daisy all coming through to form a patchwork of swaying colour and a special space where volunteers can relax and find a mindful moment to sit after a busy gardening session.



As you can see we are a big fan of partnership working! Without all our partners and funders our projects wouldn't be possible!

THANK YOU!





We aim to improve health and well-being through improving the environment. We are committed to increasing the potential of individuals and communities, promoting equality of education and training.

We work with local communities to improve their surroundings, designing and creating attractive, exciting and useful places for people to live, work and play.

A massive thank you to all the people (especially the volunteers) involved in designing, building, growing and sharing



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