

NEW MILLS

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in the Peak District

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Newsletter 3 - Winter 2015

Year Review 2015

It's been a while since our last newsletter and we've achieved quite a lot in the interim.

We have completed around 90 footpath surveys since the project began about 20 months ago. This means we are close to half way through surveying our local paths, and if we keep this up we will finish the first round 18 months ahead of schedule.

We have a small group of dedicated surveyors who operate in pairs. We are trained by DCC Countryside Service Rangers to their standard, using their paperwork which we then feed into the county's system. In turn this helps the Ranger Service determine their work schedule.

Given the financial pressure that the Rangers are under, I am assured that our assistance in this is invaluable.

We took the assistance one step further in the Autumn with two work parties that set to clearing a footpath of sedge grass and bracken as well as repairing a stile in Rowarth. Under the supervision of Sarah, our local Ranger contact, both tasks were completed in a couple of mornings. The work went quickly and with great good humour.

Look out for more work parties in 2016 as these two were so successful we will be holding more come Spring.

We attended the national get-together of the Walkers are Welcome Network, held in Whitchurch, Shropshire - a most interesting event which gave us the opportunity to look at how other WaW groups set about their own challenges.

And leaflet 3 - the Nesbit Trail Leaflet - has been very well received. Leaflet 1 (Goytside Meadow) has had to be reprinted, it proved so popular.

Looking Forward to 2016

We continue with the programme of **footpath surveys**.

If you want training up so that you can join in, please contact Mike Daniels to add your name to the short waiting list. As soon as we have enough names, we'll organise another training session - it takes about two hours at most and that is done largely in the field.

The **Work Parties** will start up again in Spring. Let Jeanne Daniels or Mike Daniels know if you are interested and we'll add your name to the Work Party Mailing List.

We have developed a stimulating **Programme of Walks** for 2016. We've tried to ensure that there is a walk to suit all levels of fitness and interests in the programme. Some walks require the use of public transport - take a bus or train to a location and walk back to New Mills. Some walks are short evening walks designed for families. The walks themselves are free - though donations are welcome and will allow us to develop more leaflets, which tends to be our largest expense. (See Over)

We are collaborating with Spring Bank Arts, New Mills Town Hall and New Mills Heritage and Information Centre to develop a guided tour which will include tours of these buildings. Dave Dunford will lead the walk and his knowledge of local listed buildings will greatly add to the interest.

If you want to come along to one of our meetings, please do - they are open to everyone. The next meeting will be on Monday 1st February at 7.30pm in New Mills Town Hall.

Date	Walk	Leader	Notes
Fri, 1st Jan	New Year Social Walk	Jeanne	11.00, Heritage and Information Centre
Sun, 24th April	Nesbit Walk	Ian	
Mon, 2nd May	Town Buildings Walk, NMHIC to SBA	Dave	Visiting NMHIC, High Lea, NMTH, SBA
Sat, 7th May	Whaley Bridge Canal Walk		
Sun, 22nd May	Monk's Road		Bus out, walk back
Sat, 4th June	Marple Locks		Train out, Walk back - canal walk
Wed, 8th June	Goytside Meadows	Jeanne, Mike	Evening walk
Sun, 19th June	Aspenshawe Hall circular		
Wed, 22nd June	Sett Valley Trail		Bus out, evening walk
Sat, 2nd July	Edale	Ian	Train out, walk back
Sun, 17th July	Middlewood		Train out, walk back
Tues, 26th July	Mousley Bottom, Reed Beds, Martin's Wood	Jeanne, Mike	
Sat, 30th July	Long Hill		Bus out, walk back
Sun, 14th Aug	Big Stone, Bugsworth Basin		Lunch @Navigation, start Hare and Hounds
Wed, 17th Aug	Lost Pubs of NM	Mike	Guided Tour
Sat, 27th Aug	Marple Bridge via Linnet Clough	Jeanne, Mike	Train back
Tues, 30th Aug	Waterside Walk	Jeanne, Mike	
Sun, 11th Sept	Ollersett Moor,		Start Hare and Hounds
Thurs, 15th Sept	Bridges of New Mills	Mike	NMWaW Festival Walk
Sat, 24th Sept	<i>Lantern Parade***</i>		
Sun, 9th Oct	Places of Worship in NM	Mike	Guided Tour

*** organised by NM Festival Committee, not a WaW event

More detail about each walk will be available closer to the event - to include start time and location, estimated distance and difficulty.

We will circulate the information to our mailing list, as with our newsletter. Additionally, a poster about each walk will be displayed in New Mills Heritage and Information Centre.

Any questions can be addressed to Mike Daniels through New Mills Heritage and Information Centre,