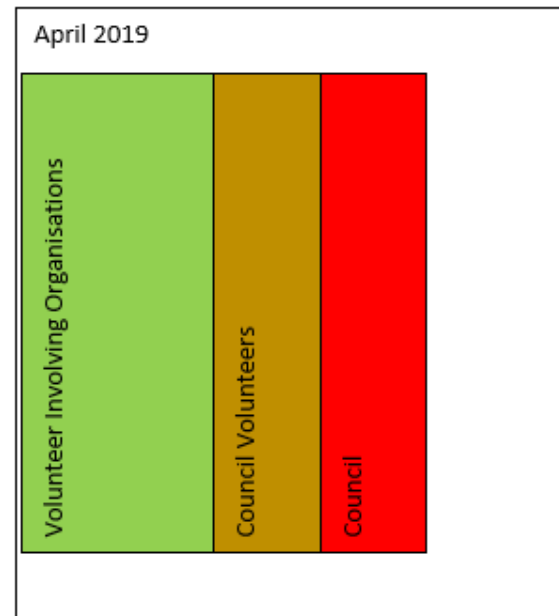
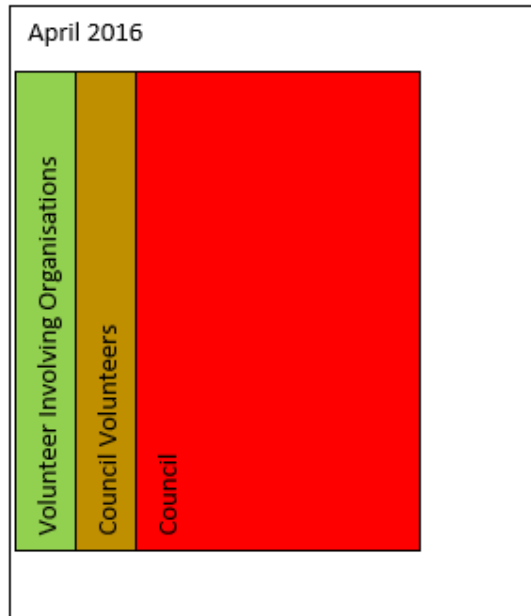




Natural Kirklees - Greenspaces

Involving communities in
Kirklees's parks and
greenspaces



Vision - by 2019 150 of our parks and greenspaces will be managed collaboratively by the community and Kirklees Council

Our Journey - capacity and barriers

- Capacity of VCSE sector within Kirklees
- Insurance
- Resources - tools and information
- Permission and confidence
- Communication

Our Journey - Natural Kirklees

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A collaborative project run in partnership with Natural Kirklees to: -

Encourage VCSE groups and communities from across Kirklees to take ownership of their own park or greenspace

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- ▶ Project roles: -
- ▶ Natural Kirklees - run a online platform that enables VCSE groups to interact and access information, administer a free tool share and insurance scheme for the benefit of their members and communicate and promote the virtues of the natural environment.
- ▶ Kirklees Council - provide permissions for VCSE groups, access site specific information and help navigate internal procedures.

Expanding our reach - creative engagement

Aim:

Increase the capacity of the VCSE sector

How:

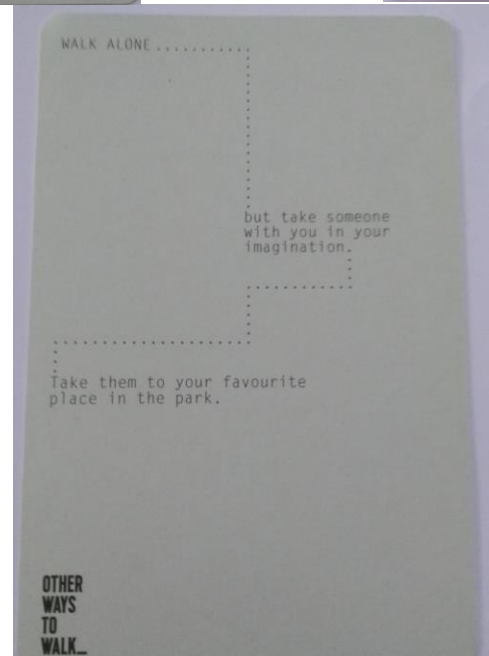
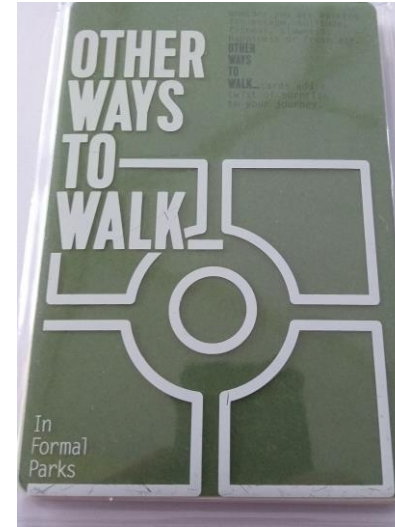
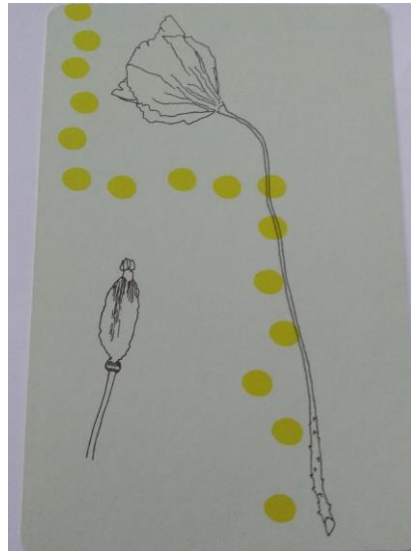
Development of tools that create a positive connection between a person and place

Trialling four tools:

Wellbeing Cards, Imagination Stations, Forest School Network and Wellbeing Trail

Creative Engagement - Wellbeing Cards

- Two sets - woodland and formal parks
- Designed to work in any park or woodland
- Each set has fifteen cards
- With instructions that prompt the users to take a closer look at their surroundings
- Distributed to members of Natural Kirklees
- Developed by Rachel Howfield Massey



Creative Engagement - Imagination Stations



- ▶ Ideas for outdoor activities in your local green space
- ▶ Themed for the different seasons
- ▶ Accessed through a QR code
- ▶ Developed by Green Monster Arts
- ▶ www.naturalkirklees.org/outdoor/imagination-station/

Creative Engagement - Forest School Network

Outcome:-

More practitioners are using our sites to deliver Forest School Sessions

How:-

Members of the network have ease of access to Council sites

The network provides:-

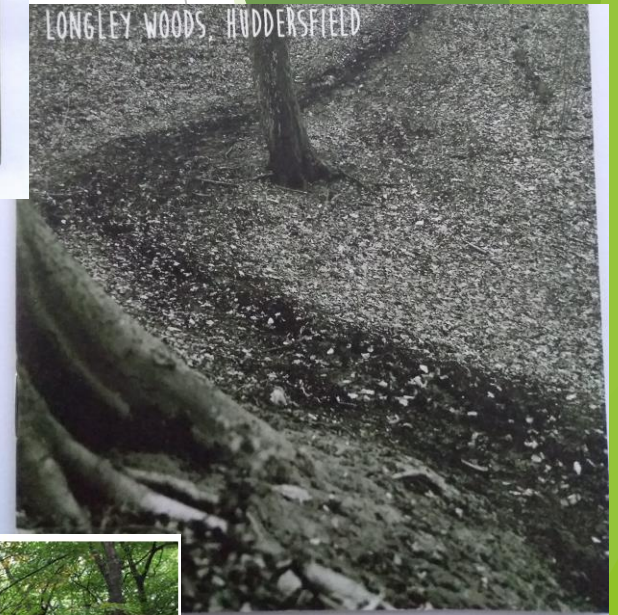
Training for members

Ensures members meet minimum criteria. Qualifications, Insurance, Risk Benefits, Planning

Developed by Nature's Footprints CIC

Creative Engagement - Lose Yourself a Woodland Wellbeing Trail

- ▶ Site specific
- ▶ QR codes way markers in the woodlands
- ▶ Users are encouraged to stop at each way markers and take notice of their surroundings
- ▶ With tweaks can be adapted to other woodlands
- ▶ Developed by Get Out More CIC
- ▶ www.naturalkirklees.org/outdoor/1-on-your-way/



Measures of Success

- ▶ Number of groups
- ▶ Number of permissions
- ▶ Volunteer hours
- ▶ Value of grants
- ▶ Impact of wellbeing

Case Study - Butterfly House, Wilton Park



- ▶ Run down
- ▶ Missing windows and roof open to the elements
- ▶ Vandalism
- ▶ Closed to the public
- ▶ Liability not an asset

Case Study - Butterfly House, Wilton Park



- ▶ Made the building water tight
- ▶ Are maintaining the beds
- ▶ Painting and decorating the building
- ▶ Reinstalling features such as the waterfall
- ▶ Opening the building up to the public
- ▶ Turned it from a liability into an asset

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