

Shropshire Outdoor Partnerships
Economic Growth & Prosperity
Shropshire Council
Shirehall, Abbey Foregate
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12th May 2014

Dear Volunteer,

Yes, it is that time of the year again when we bring you, our volunteers, together to thank you for all your hard work and dedication and to celebrate everything we have achieved in the last year with your help. This year's get together will be held at Minsterley Village Hall on Tuesday 3rd June, between 12 and 2pm, where we will be providing food and beverages and an opportunity to mingle with all the volunteers in our service. In the morning between 10am and 12pm we are offering a number of workshops to showcase the various volunteering opportunities our service has to offer. These will be:

- Helping Hillforts Workshop – Led by Andy Wigley at Callow Hill. This is a guided walk to Callow Hill outlining the issues regarding management of site and what the project is hoping to achieve. Meeting at Minsterley Village Hall at 10am.
- Mines Trust Workshop – Led by the Mines Trust and Clive Dean at Snailbeach. This workshop will showcase the brilliant work the voluntary Trust do in preserving and managing the Snailbeach site. Meeting at Snailbeach at 10am.
- Mapping and Enforcement Workshop – Led by Shona Butter at Minsterley Village Hall. This workshop will cover many of the legal questions asked by volunteers about Rights of Way and access. Meeting at Minsterley Village Hall at 10am.
- Maintenance Team Workshop – Led by Tim Simmons and Paul Butter at Minsterley. This workshop will be a practical demonstration of kissing gate installation which is key to the work of the Parish Paths Partnership groups. Meeting at Minsterley Village Hall at 10am followed by a short walk to the work site.
- Walking For Health Workshop - Led by Mick Dunn and Liz Evans from Minsterley Village Hall. This will include 2 walks (a shorter slower one and a faster longer one) in and around the Minsterley area demonstrating how the Walking for Health scheme supports people in their community to get active and stay active. Meeting at Minsterley Village hall at 10am.

In addition Joe Penfold, from the Landscape Partnership Scheme, will be giving a talk outlining the aims of their project which strives to work with community groups across the LPS area to provide

new opportunities to engage in natural and cultural heritage, through grant-supported projects such as Down to Earth and Community Wildlife Groups.

If you would like to come along and help us celebrate the outstanding work of our volunteers please could you RSVP by Thursday 29th of May 2014 via email to helen.beresford@shropshire.gov.uk and if you wish to attend one of our workshops could you please indicate which one is your preference. We look forward to seeing those of you who are attending on the day.

Regards

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