



Lagan Valley Regional Park – Managers Report. No 48, March 28th 2019

Volunteering

Newsletter for quarter is complete and uploaded onto the website under volunteering

Investing In Volunteers

- IIV accreditation is up for renewal. We have started the process by completing a self-assessment (9 categories with 46 practices to be evidenced). Volunteer Now have appointed an advisor, George Gillespe who has arranged a training session with staff on Monday 8th April.
- The extent to which we meet the criteria in the self-assessment will form the basis of a development plan. One key change is that we no longer have a Volunteer rep on the board.
- An assessor will be appointed (date to be confirmed) who will spent a day with us and will interview 7 volunteers, 2 staff and one board member – all chosen at random.
- UK quality assurance panel sits in July – so we expect the assessment in early July.
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Audio Trail

QR codes do not work – intermediary website has been down for several months. We will be creating and printing new QR codes to get the trail up and running again.

Events programme 2019

Copies have been distributed through our usual outlets for availability to public.

Shows and fairs

- Stall at QUB careers fair on Jan 29th generated some student interest.

Pending

- Stall at BCC Spring Fair – over two days (27th & 28th April)
- Stall at Balmoral Show – invited to share Forest Service's stand – over 4 days (15th – 18th May)

Events Attendance

Month	Event	Attended
Oct	Discovery morning	25
Oct	Fungal Foray	25
Oct	The towpath by twilight	25
Nov	Secrets of the stone age	25
Dec	Yule logs and legends	15

Engagement statistics for first quarter of financial year Oct - Dec 2018

Volunteer Rangers (skilled)

2 Volunteer rangers	<i>Tasks: to assist ranger service on events, responding to incidents, surveys, tree planting, patrols, and cutting back vegetation</i>	Total Hours 80
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Heritage Guides on the Industry Lighter (skilled)

Month	Number of Guides	Hours Volunteered	Hours Open	Visitor Numbers
Oct	11	108.5	108.5	783
Nov	11	95.5	91.5	467
Dec	10	66	62	133
		270	278	1383

Heritage Guides at the Lock Keeper's Cottage (skilled)

Month	Number of Guides	Hours Volunteered	Hours Open	Visitor Numbers
Oct	17	135	135	1279
Nov	15	113.5	113.5	689
Dec	13	67.5	67.5	269
		316	316	2237

Saturday Conservation Volunteers (unskilled)

Month	Task	Site	Volunteers	Hours
Oct	Oak aftercare	Belvoir Wood	13	32.5
Oct	Woodland management	Mcllroy Park	15	37.5
Nov	Woodland management	Mcllroy Park	13	32.5
Nov	Meadow management	Clement Wilson	15	37.5
Dec	Volunteer Christmas Event	LVRP Visitor Centre	34	85
Totals			90	225

Board Support (Professional)

Oct - Dec	Support	Hours
	Fundraising	20
	Working towards sustainable funding and associated lobbying	36
	Finance sub-committee	9
	Board meetings	23
Total		88

Value of Volunteer Support

Professional	HLF Guidelines (hourly £46.67)	£4,107
Skilled	HLF Guidelines (hourly £20.00)	£13,320
Unskilled	HLF Guidelines (£8.21 min wage)	£1,847
Total		£19,274