

Action in Rural Sussex - Lost of the Low Weald and Downs Woods Project –Development Phase NHLF

Pilot Engagement Activity: Thankyou to Lottery players

BACKGROUND:

In June the AirS village agent team arranged to have an information staff outside 2 locations that sell lottery tickets. One was a rural location, Londis in Small Dole and one was an urban location Burgess Hill Co-op. We promoted the event on Facebook.

We held conversations with people and had a KNOW, TEACH, LEARN engagement tool for people to fill in and gave free wild flower seeds to lottery players as a thankyou We were also to promote our Survey and August Ambles at this event.

OUTCOMES:

Number of people engaged with-32

Number of people added to mailing list or consented to survey or both -16

Number of people who identified as lottery players -6

COMMENTS:

Small Dole

Mother & Baby

- Interested in parent & baby group outside. Due to lockdown has not been able to meet other local parents.
- Need to be assessable by public transport near Upper Bedding
- Contacted the local council about styles in the area that are too high and difficult to climb over when carrying a baby.

Woodland Owner

- Happy to teach woodland crafts / conservation (coppicing)
- Part of the Tottington Woodlanders Group
- Has a 10 acre woodland that community groups use as well as bee hives
- Happy for us to use for groups

Member of public

- Not happy with the way Tottington Woods is managed / didn't understand why trees had been cut down
- Interested in project

Malcolm Knight - Chair of Tottington Woodlanders

- Show his support
- Keen to connect with Greening Horsham about connecting Tottington Woods with Woods Mill to create a wildlife corridor.
- Happy to pass on knowledge and skills to groups / people

Shop Keeper of Londis

- Doesn't go to the woods spends most of her time in the shop. Family members look after the children and would like to access events for children and families.

Burgess Hill

Elderly Men

- Both Independent / not keen to join groups or activities
- Happy with own company
- Trouble with walking - Happy to potter at home with gardening or painting
- Explores areas away from Burgess Hill - Bedelands too close to home

Elderly lady

- Lottery player
- Feeling isolated due to lockdown
- Member of Burgess Hill U3A and BH gardening group - missing group outings and talks
- Would like to go into woodlands but doesn't want to go on her own
- Contributed to KNOW TEACH LEARN Would be interested in attending woodland events such as learning about nature, led walks and supported social activities

Dad, son and nephew

- New to Burgess Hill
- Likes to go to the woods but don't go very often.
- Contributed to KNOW TEACH LEARN Interested in any family events in the woods

KNOW, TEACH, LEARN RESULTS

	Know	Teach	Learn
Campfire skills and cooking			2
Foraging			6
Bushcraft skills			1
Woodland Conservation		1	1
Woodland history			3
Green jobs training			
Wildlife surveys		1	2
Nature knowledge	1	1	3
Woodland crafts	1	2	3
Family activities			3
Woodland wellbeing activities			2
Woodland art & photography			2
Forest school activities	1		4
Story creation and telling			3
Led woodland walks			3
Supported social activities			2

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