Get the Low-down... in Fishpool Valley

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Planning application in! A huge milestone...and a massive thanks to the coordination and efforts of the members of the Fishpool Valley Team who have pulled out all the stops to contribute and comment and advise under the leadership of Chris Lambart, Planning Adviser, who submitted this in January...we await the Council's decision.

Bat walk

In January, a bat specialist came to check out all the likely crevices and hideaways that bats may use for hibernation in the grotto, pumphouse and limekiln, which may have otherwise been affected by the proposed work. By marking up roosting features, we can make sure they will be left alone and worked around, leaving them craggy and snug, ready for the bats next winter following conservation work in 2018.



Andrew Perry, Fishpool Valley and NT Ecologist and Rob Thorne of Churton Ecology inspecting crevices in the grotto...

Carriage rides and walks

Jason Wood, our Area Ranger, will be checking out the historic tracks lost over the years and masked by the woodland; starting with a map of the LiDAR imagery of the valley (below) and walking these precarious routes on the ground to see how much work is needed to bring them back to life.

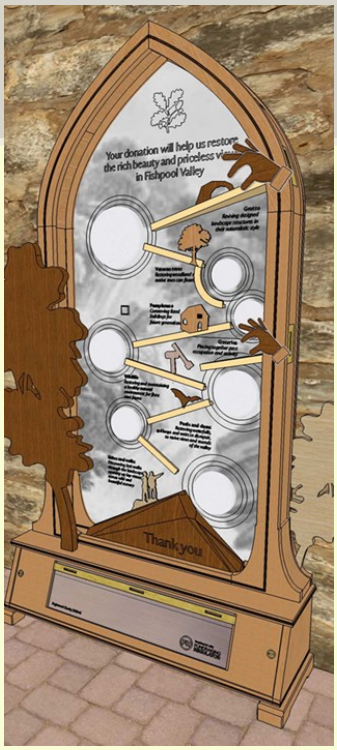


Coming up in March....

Propping and de-vegetation you may have noticed the limekiln and grotto groaning under the stress and strain of a couple of centuries, and having trees fall down on top of you from neighbouring quarry faces doesn't help that much either...well volunteers and conservation specialists to the rescue! In March we shall see these super heroes swoop in to remove and de-scale vegetation where conservation works are needed and to ensure the sorry structures don't fall down in the process ,they will be propped and supported ahead of anyone getting too close from our in-house team.

Focus on Fundraising

Working with our newest project team member Holly Kemish, Assistant Fundraising Consultant, we have commissioned and are eagerly awaiting the arrival of our new onsite fundraising installation which is likely to be found somewhere around the tea-room once up and ready to receive pennies (or potentially pounds).



A plan of our onsite fundraising money box.

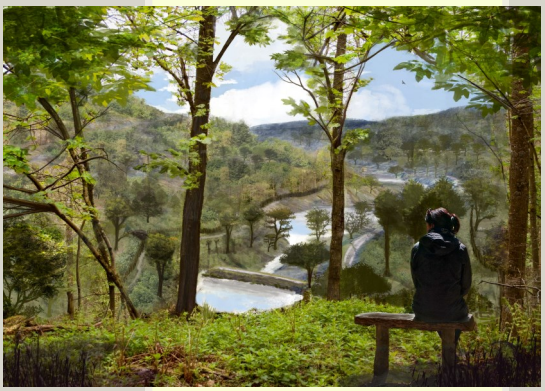


Raffle

The project relies on a number of funding streams for different elements , some not yet secure and the more money we can raise towards the project, the more we can set aside for other conservation projects at Croft and across Herefordshire. This year, and hopefully next year as well, we will be selling raffle tickets to support the dam repairs.

This month we will also be collating the ideas put forward following our Fastnews request for messaging and slogans to raise awareness of the project. One of these will be selected to go on new t-shirts for uniform in the tea-room, focusing on the conservation ask for the valley, which we hope will get people talking about the valley while having their tea and cake.





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