

Welcome to our September news with an update on what happened in August.

Early **August**'s poor weather caused the cancellation of our planned volunteering event on the second Saturday of the month. However, we made up for it on Saturday 24th when 15 of you turned out to work the Woodland Path. This was our first attempt at repairing the path and it was a great success. Other August highlights included:

- identification of possible areas of the Allotment Wood where glades could be created. (there will be more on this at our committee meeting);
- clearance of the path through the orchard using the battery powered tools borrowed from the council's parks team;
- clearance of new growth Himalayan Balsam from the banks of the Malago.

September's key activities include:

1. Wednesday 11 September, 7-8.30pm, Zion Community Space, Bishopsworth Road.

Manor Woods Valley Group committee meeting and open forum is your chance to join in the planning of conservation and other events in Manor Woods Valley Local Nature Reserve. There will be a short illustrated presentation by Peter, our ecology adviser, on the history and ecology of the Manor Woods Orchard. Visit our website for the agenda and minutes of the last meeting. Everyone is welcome.

2. Saturday 14 September is our second-Saturday-of-the-month volunteering session, when we will continue the work to repair the Woodland Path. This involves replacing the damaged and rotted parts of the path edging. Please join us if you have an hour or two to spare. Meet at St Peter's Rise entrance (behind Bishopsworth Library), at 10.30am. This is not a suitable activity for children but they can help by doing a supervised litter pick of the area. All tools and equipment are provided.

3. On Friday 20 August, a staff group from the University of Bristol will spend the day with us in Manor Woods Valley working on the Valley Heights Wildflower Meadow.

4. Finally, we hope to see the return of the GoodGym runners on **Saturday 28 September** after a summer break.

Please pass this email on to anyone you think may be interested and encourage them to sign up for these regular updates. If you know of anyone who doesn't use email and who may be interested in Manor Woods Valley Local Nature Reserve, please print a paper copy for them if you can, many

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Best wishes and thanks again for all your support

Martin

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