



ORE COMMUNITY LAND TRUST

Woodland Work - Volunteers Needed

Ore Community Land Trust (Ore CLT) is working towards acquiring all of the land in **Speckled Wood** (Upper Ore Valley), that has now been designated as protected urban green space, to create a community owned woodland.

We plan to:

- Treat and eradicate the extensive and invasive Japanese Knotweed
- Enhance the woodland by some clearance of undergrowth, selective felling of sycamores to open up some areas and replanting of indigenous trees, shrubs and plants
- Clear the stream and create a pond and other water features to increase biodiversity
- Improve the footpath network and repair the steps down the valley sides
- Protect wildlife habitat

In addition we want to develop projects for community amenity and activities including:

- A Village Green, childrens play area and an events space below the Salvation Army Hall
- Construction of a 'Greenway' through the valley for walking and cycling to link into the planned Ore Valley Greenway routes
- Reinstatement of the disused Allotments behind Old London Road
- Disabled access paths including the 'Greenway'
- Locating a Volunteer Base & tool store using a site office we have acquired

Ore CLT has recently taken over an area of land, next to the Church Street track (South of Greville Road), from Hastings Borough Council.

Initial clearance work was carried out by the local Trust for Conservation Volunteers and the next stage will be to level and prepare this land for community use.

However, we are very short of volunteers to take on the land preparation and help with footpath clearance and other woodland management tasks in the areas that we are working in. Our previous team of volunteers has reduced over the years and we now need to recruit more help.

The work will involve helping to keep the footpaths clear, undergrowth clearance, rebuilding steps, building small bridges across the stream and other woodland work.

We will provide gloves, tools and equipment and basic training

We work together as a team, supervised by a Volunteer Co coordinator and usually meet on Thursday mornings.

We plan to arrange specific woodland work skills training sessions in due course.

Would you like to join our volunteer team ?

Or would you like to hear more about volunteer work with Ore CLT ?

Please Contact

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