Ore Community Land Trust

Saving and enhancing green space in the Upper Ore Valley

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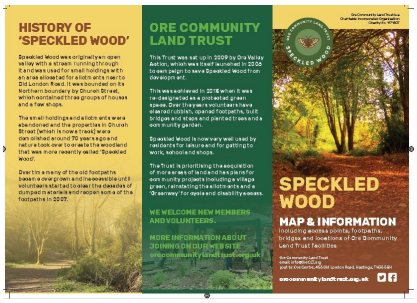
Why not come and join us?

In order to continue our work, we need people to volunteer to join us not only in our practical work in the Wood but also as Trustees to help manage the trust. We are a friendly bunch and meet monthly. If you have a little time and would like to lend your skills and experience to a very good cause, please get in touch. We also need more ordinary members to amplify our voice. Check out the details on our website's 'Get Involved' page.



We recently published a new leaflet including a map of the paths in the Wood. Copies are available at **Ore Community Library**, **Ore Community Centre** and around the local area or you can download it from our website. We can supply more paper copies if you contact us.

Annual General Meeting

We held our AGM on 5th March in person at Ore Community Centre. Our Chair, Jim Breeds, presented the Annual Report which you can download from our website. He was pleased to report that, in spite of all the obstacles presented by Covid, Japanese knotweed and vandalism, we had largely achieved our objectives in 2021 but much more needs to be done. Members heard about future plans for maintaining the Wood as well as possibly taking on land in the Lower Ore Valley in the near future.

Forest School

With thanks to Big Local North-East Hastings for funding, we now have a Parent and Child Forest School session on Tuesdays from 10 to 12. The children have been exploring the woodland, learning to make fires, cooking food, enjoying mud play, using real tools and creating with wood. We also have a Home Education woodcraft session on Thursday afternoons.

For more information email engagement@oreclt.org.

Volunteer Sessions

The woodland is looking stunning and our volunteers have been working hard keeping paths clear, steps repaired and clearing the stream. We always need extra help. To find out more, come along to one of our volunteer sessions every Thursday between 10am and 1pm and the same time on the first Saturday of every month.

Support us while you shop

Don't forget you can select us as your community cause if you are a Co-op member so we receive money from their Community Fund and also if you shop at Amazon using https://smile.amazon.co.uk/

Supporters

We can only achieve our aims by working together with organisations and individuals and we are very grateful to the following for their support: The Foreshore Trust, Big Local North-East Hastings, Sussex Community Foundation, Hastings Borough Council, The Conservation Volunteers, the Lund Fund, Greener Futures.

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