

Volunteers wanted

Volunteers wanted for restoration project

On Sunday, December 16th recruits are invited to work alongside volunteers from The Green Valleys and representatives from Glandŵr Cymru – the Canal & River Trust in Wales – to start removing overhanging ivy and brambles on the Watton Limekilns in Brecon.

Their work will mean that a better assessment can be made of the condition of the listed building and its important features. Volunteers will also begin work improving the habitat of the woodland on the land directly above the kilns in order to increase its value to local wildlife. Glandŵr Cymru is keen to hear from anyone who knows about how the kilns were used or has any old photographs showing the kilns.

The Watton Limekilns in Brecon project is being carried out by Glandŵr Cymru and The Green Valleys, and supported by Keep Wales Tidy's Wild Weekend for Wales project as well as Brecon Beacons National Park Authority.

Alan Sumnall, Volunteer Co-ordinator for Glandŵr Cymru, said: "There are kilns all along the Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal and they are such an important part of the story of how the canal was used in the past. Glandŵr Cymru want to make sure these important historic features are retained for the future and the kilns in Brecon are now in need of some care and attention. We are very keen to hear from anyone who knows anything about how the kilns were used or has any old photographs showing the kilns, as we don't have a full record on the kilns' use."

Martin Buckle, Brecon Beacons National Park Authority's Member Champion for Heritage, said: "The production of lime from the many limekilns along the Monmouthshire and Brecon Canal, and indeed other locations, was once an important local industry. Through its use to make lime mortar, it helped to shape our towns and villages and, through its use as a soil improver, our farmed landscapes too. Each of the bodies concerned recognises this aspect of our common cultural heritage, and it's great to be celebrating it in this way."

Source

<http://www.beacons-npa.gov.uk/the-authority/press-and-news/archive/2012-2/december/volunteers-wanted-for-restoration-project/> [Accessed 17 August 2015]

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Reading

1. The article suggests several ways in which readers can help. Identify three.

This is a retrieval question. The answers can be found by closely reading and understanding the text.

2. Which of the following best describes the main purpose of removing the overhanging ivy and brambles, according to the article?

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| a. | to clean the kilns | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. | to evaluate the condition of the kilns | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c. | to make essential repairs to the kilns | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d. | to restore the kilns to use | <input type="checkbox"/> |

This is a deduction question. The answer can be found by reading and understanding the text.

3. Who is the main intended audience for this article?

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| a. | historians | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. | potential volunteers | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c. | current volunteers | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d. | conservationists | <input type="checkbox"/> |

This question tests your ability to identify the audience of a text. Use inference and deduction skills to analyse the language and content.

4. Which of the following is not one of the organisations involved in the project?

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| a. | Glandŵr Cymru | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. | Brecon Beacons National Park Authority | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c. | The Watton Limekilns Trust | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d. | The Green Valleys | <input type="checkbox"/> |

This is a deduction question. The answer can be found by reading and understanding the text.

5. How was lime used on farmland?

This is a retrieval question. You need to read and understand the text to find the correct answer.

Oracy

6. Write and present a persuasive speech to recruit volunteers for a cause that you support. Your speech should last 2-3 minutes.

Speak clearly and remember to look at your audience.

7. You have been asked to help with volunteer recruitment for a local charity. Work in groups to discuss the best way to attract volunteers to help you. Think about what sort of work you will ask the volunteers to do, where you are likely to find volunteers who are interested and how you can persuade them to join you.

Remember to listen as well as speak and make sure that every member of the group has an opportunity to share their views.

Writing

8. You have decided to take part in a local volunteer project and have been asked to bring along a friend. Decide what sort of volunteer work you will be doing then write a letter to a friend and try to persuade them to join you. Write 200-300 words.
9. Write an account of your own experience as a volunteer (real or fictional). Write 350-500 words.