



## Newsletter – March 2021

Welcome to the ninth Beasley Back Dane Trust Newsletter<sup>1</sup>.

Since our last newsletter in December we have sadly not had anyone using Back Dane due to the Covid-19 lock down restrictions and the Tuesday Club remains suspended for now.

However, while Back Dane was empty we completed some more maintenance tasks eg PAT testing of the electrical equipment and work in the woodland. We spruced up the fairy village and planted new saplings donated to us by Cheshire Wildlife Trust to try and establish a hedgerow that in time can hopefully replace the wire fencing.



### How to Volunteer for the Back Dane Trust

The Back Dane Trust has a long history of encouraging and supporting volunteering, and we are always keen to welcome new faces. There are many opportunities for volunteering and getting involved directly in one of the four main areas of work that we do. These are:

- Kids' Weekends: residential holidays and activities for children who don't tend to have opportunities to visit the countryside
- Partnership Holidays: working in partnership with other charities and organisations to support residential holidays and activities for children and adults who don't usually have opportunities to visit the countryside
- Improvement Weekends: Opportunities for volunteers to come and assist with the maintenance and improvement of the Back Dane building and its environment
- The Tuesday Club (in Derby): a weekly social club for adults with learning disabilities

We have also established a number of sub-committees so that smaller groups of volunteers and Trustees can work towards the overall objectives of the Trust and support our four main areas of work.

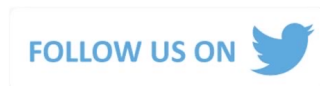
If you would like to volunteer for the Trust or get involved in the work of one of our sub-committees, perhaps even in just an advisory capacity, please do let us know (at [info@backdane.co.uk](mailto:info@backdane.co.uk)). The sub-committees are:

Environment. Focussing on the outside areas at Back Dane eg woodland, meadow, sensory garden, and maintaining them for both biodiversity and the benefit of our visitors

Volunteering. How to ensure that we have a strong pool of volunteers who understand what they are doing and why, and do it safely (this covers work at Back Dane and Derby for the Tuesday Club).

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Holidays organised by the Trust. Organising, running and supporting holidays funded by the Back Dane Trust, including holidays for children and for other groups eg refugees

Safety. To ensure that risk assessments are in place for all activities taking place at the Trust and to develop procedures and processes accordingly.

Building maintenance. Planning the schedule of work required at Back Dane.

Bookings. Looking at our booking policy – how we prioritise and set the pricing for visiting groups

Safeguarding. Ensuring that we have up to date policies in place to keep groups safe, this includes performing risk assessments.

Strategic Planning. Working on the direction of the charity, creating a short term and long term plan

Finance. Ensuring we track our incomings and outgoings and manage our investments professionally

Data Protection/GDPR. Tracking how and where we keep data and ensuring we comply with data privacy regulations.

Marketing & Communications. Coordinating the signage, marketing and communications of the charity.

Governance. To review our governance model and improve where necessary.

Archiving. Working on how we store the historic material of the Trust and how we make this available online.

Creating a roll of honour. To recognise those who have contributed to the charity over the years.

