



THE ORGANISATION

Our two new Directors Chris and Hannah have been taking on more roles and helping to steer a new business plan. In the spring funds were secured from the Halpin Trust for building our office & store and to help us develop new ideas.

Volunteering is core to us, and Neroche Conservation Volunteers (NCV) have done 1500 hours or 300 person days this year and four volunteers have helped with Wild Learning sessions.

We now have 52 shareholder members who hold 710 £1 shares.

FUNDERS & COLLABORATORS

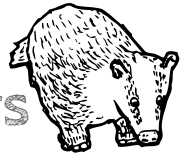


This has been a year of consolidation on projects. The evaluation of families work has helped us decide on new projects for 2018 onwards, with funding bids in the pipeline. This year Wild Learning 5 saw 40 learners come to regular Tuesday sessions and a woodland management training course for 13 volunteers, most of them from NCV.

With the Meet the Neighbours project funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, we created a 'collection shrine and began to document species of all kinds throughout the woods, finding over 400 so far. Funding from the Blackdown Hills AONB enabled us to train NCV volunteers in scything, brush cutting and hold a 10 year celebratory event.



66% of income from grant sources and 33% from sales, an increase in income from last year. Turnover was £52,510, up on last year - steady slow growth.



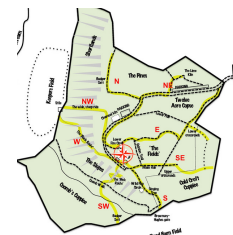
PRODUCTS & EVENTS

This year we've provided training and day sessions for Taunton Association for the Homeless, Youth Unlimited CIC, GetSet Services, Bridgwater Mental Health Team, North Taunton Partnership.

Charcoal making has properly begun. We ran fewer craft courses and more personal development days.

We started Forest Folk and Dangerous Dads.

Our Open Day in July attracted over 100 people.



YOUNG WOOD

The Pole Barn was completed and is home to charcoal making. A cobb pizza oven was finished in the summer.

Thinning started in Twelve Acre Copse, ride & glade clearing continued.

We discovered a scarce ant and that Young Wood is very good for many moths.