‘Build The Past’
Heritage Dry Stone Wall Project, Lumb
Winter/Spring 2017 Newsletter

Project Update and Timescales
Proffitts Investing in Communities have been liaising with Peers Clough Farm and Alan Rhodes, Master of Dry Stone Walling regarding the project.

The programme is as follows:
• February/March - research and training sessions throughout. Exact dates to be confirmed
• 24th April until 26th May - dry stone wall repair and rebuild training sessions
• June - project launch and completion. Exact date to be confirmed

Research and History
The training will involve carrying out research at Bacup Natural History Society, Rawtenstall Library and Lancashire Record Office in Preston (receiving training in how to use the archives). There are 3 strands to the research:
• to find out more about the Lumb area of Rossendale generally including farming and development in the area
• To learn about the Larks of Dean Quire
• The history of quarrying in Lumb and wider Rossendale area

No background experience or knowledge is required to get involved in these sessions and transport to Preston will be provided for the trip to the Archives. Paper, pens and printing costs (if necessary) are covered as part of the project.

Practical Walling Training
Following on from the research and history element, there will be practical dry stone wall training courses held at Peers Clough Farm, Lumb to rebuild a damaged section of wall. These sessions will be led by Alan Rhodes and will be held over weekdays and weekends.

Please note the following:
• Those attending the practical sessions will need to wear suitable warm layers and waterproof clothing (including trousers) and sturdy footwear (ideally steel toe capped boots).
• Sandwiches, water and light refreshments will be provided for those attending the sessions. If you have any dietary requirements, please make this clear when you book a place. Bring additional food if required—manual labour can make you hungry!
• Work gloves and other tools will also be provided as part of the project.
• If the weather takes a turn for the worse then the sessions will be cancelled with very short notice.
• The location of the dry stone wall being repaired is around a 10 minute walk from Peers Clough Farm (where the welfare facilities are located). There is a significant amount of walking involved as well as the physical walling repair works.
• In order to really see a result from their hard work, we recommend that participants attend at least 2 consecutive days on site. Please state which days/weeks are best for you when you register your interest to help us best manage the sessions.
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Project Partners

There are several partner organisations involved in the delivery of ‘Build the Past’. Details of these organisations are listed below alphabetically.

Heritage Lottery Fund
www.hlf.org.uk

Larks of Dean Quire
www.larksofdean.co.uk

Peers Clough Farm
www.peerscloughfarm.co.uk

Proffitts - Investing in Communities
www.proffittscic.com

Rural Rossendale
www.ruralrossendale.co.uk

Valley of Stone
www.valleyofstone.org.uk

You can follow the progress of the project by clicking here which will take you to the Proffitts web site.

Getting involved / Book a place

If you want to get involved with the project at all then please do get in touch. For practicality and health and safety, numbers for both the Research and History element and Practical Walling Training are limited on a first come first serve basis so bookings will be taken. See overleaf for details of how to get in touch.

Contact Information

For more information and to get involved, please contact Rachael Gildert at Proffitts at rachael.gildert@proffittscic.com or call 07875 106084.