Want to get more involved with the Mersey Valley?

Become an RSPB volunteer! We are looking for enthusiastic people to help with our regular Sunday events as well as the creation of new wildlife gardens in the Mersey Valley (sponsored by Southway Housing Trust).

Contact Jenny Hackland at <u>mersey.valley@rspb.org.uk</u> for more information.

Also, why not join one of the Friends of Groups and help look after this amazing green space?

Friends of Chorlton Water Park Contact: Janet Copley – friendsofcwp@gmail.com

Friends of Chorlton Meadows Contact: Dave Bishop – DaveGBishop@aol.com www.friendsofchorltonmeadows.blogspot.com

Friends of Fletcher Moss & Parsonage Gardens Contact: Alan Hill –

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Sale and Altrincham Conservation Volunteers Contact: www.sacv.co.uk/contact

The RSPB and Manchester City Council are working on an exciting new vision to connect people with nature in the Mersey Valley.

We want local people to get involved and to hear **YOUR** thoughts for the Valley. Please get in touch through the following channels with any ideas you have.



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Chorlton Water Park

Programme of events Summer 2015



Every Sunday – Activity Backpacks

Drop-in every Sunday 11 am-4 pm (3 pm last hire time) Sponsored by Southway Housing Trust

Discover the wildlife at Chorlton Water Park with our handy backpacks full of equipment and activity ideas. Pick one up at the information hut and get exploring! Cost: £2.50 per backpack hire. Free to Southway Tenants with Reward Card



The backpacks include binoculars, an explorers guide, treasure hunt, spotting sheets, bug hunting equipment, stethoscope, magnifying glasses and a packet of duck food! COMING SOON – POND DIPPING EQUIPMENT!



Discovery Sunday Events 11 am – 4 pm – all activities are free



Sunday 28 June – Summer adventure!

Have an adventure at Chorlton Water Park and see the park from a different perspective! Explore the habitats around the water park by taking part in our nature trail. Try mountain biking around the park and see what you can spot. Join the Friends of Chorlton Water Park for a litter pick 11 am - 1 pm.

Sunday 26 July – Love your park

Love your park as much as we do! Get involved with activities to celebrate and look after the wildlife that calls Chorlton Water Park home. Take part in a familyfriendly practical conservation task and make a home for nature from recycled materials. Meet at 1pm for conservation task.

Sunday 30 August – Bank holiday fun

Have some fun at Chorlton Water Park! Join us for lawn games and fun activities suitable for all the family including a scavenger hunt and pond dipping.

Sunday 27 September – Get ready for Autumn

See how Chorlton Water Park is changing with the seasons and learn more about the trees that are found here. Make a bird feeder to take home and see how our wildlife garden is coming along!

All Discovery Sunday events are in partnership with:



Other events and activities:

Southway Housing Trust and Sow the City

Saturday 25 July – Wild Food Walk 10 am – 12 pm Tuesday 14 October – Bat Walk 6 pm – 8 pm Contact: <u>info@sowthecity.org</u>

Chorlton Anglers Group

Are working with the wardens to improve the angling facilities at Chorlton Water Park. Contact: <u>chorltonanglers@gmail.com</u> **Day Ticket £7, Season Ticket £41.50** available from the Warden's office

The Water Adventure Centre

Run **canoeing sessions** for young people aged 8 –19 on Wednesday evenings. Contact: <u>info@wateradventurecentre.org.uk</u>