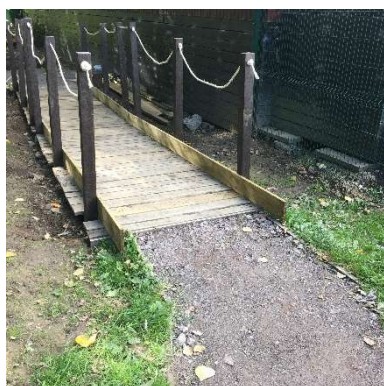


This Summer has been all about doing what we can, safely, given the restrictions in place. Whilst there has been plenty of 'behind the scenes' work going on negotiating the next phase of developing the Social Enterprise in partnership with the Council, we have been pleased to be able to continue delivering projects on the ground and planning our involvement in a significant new project.

The Woodland Learning Area at Southall School has come on leaps and bounds over the past few months. We were pleased to be able to (safely!) welcome back our first corporate volunteers since 'lockdown'. The participation of two members of the 'auditing' team from Wesleyan was crucial in enabling all of the access infrastructure to be completed before the children returned to school.



A boardwalk was installed to avoid compacting Poplar roots, and enable all-ability access to the woodland learning area for the first time.

Telford Woods is now one of a number of representatives of the role that local woodland and use of woodland products can play in meeting the 'zero carbon by 2030' target, sitting on Telford & Wrekin Council's recently launched 'Climate Change Partnership'. Tristan, who has also previously worked on Sustainable Energy projects, will be chairing the 'land use' sub-group and will be presenting a case study of the wood-fuelled heating system at the Green Wood Centre at the next meeting.



Various habitat boxes are being supplied as kits for installation at specific sites under the Borough Council's 'Green Guarantee' scheme.

30 Bat Boxes have now been installed in woodland to the North of Lloyds Coppice (behind Glendinning Way) in Madeley. The project involved a wide range of volunteers in making up and installing the bat boxes, including families participating in our holiday club activities earlier in the year, community volunteers, as well as pupils from an 'inclusion unit' based at Hub-on-the-Hill and Southall School.

Our weekly community conservation volunteering programme with Madeley Town Council, kicking off with the installation of the last few of the bat boxes already mentioned here, recommenced on Tuesday afternoons meeting at various venues at 1:30pm to work on a rotation of different sites throughout the programme. The programme includes an event as part of the 'Keep Britain Tidy' Great British September Clean to continue work started in the Summer to tidy up Sutton Hill Village Green. The full programme can be found on our facebook page.

Over 340 Holiday Club Nature & Woodcraft Activity 'Kits' were distributed to families through our partnerships with Great Dawley Town Council and Meeting Point House at Southwater in delivering their Council-supported 'Eat Well' activity clubs over the Summer period. A total of 10 children participated in the entire 'nature' and 'wood craft' activity programme run from Meeting Point House and will receive a 'John Muir' Family Discovery Award in recognition of their involvement which has enabled them to find out more about their local environment, take steps to conserve it and communicate this to the wider community.

If you are interested in getting us involved with your community event or project then please contact us to discuss availability, activities, requirements & costs!...

Finally, building upon our 'Boost for Biodiversity' project, Small Woods have now successfully agreed a regional strategic partnership with Severn Trent for the next 5 years. The woodlands of Telford under our direct management will be vital 'demonstration' sites for this project which will provide practical assistance and develop a tool to assist woodland managers throughout the Severn Trent region in making a positive impact on biodiversity through their actions.

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