

Salt Skills



We're at the end of the first year of the **Saltscap Landscape Partnership**. And what a year it's been.

We've held over 30 training **courses and events** from **geology** walks and talks, with Cheshire RIGS and local historians to **hedgelaying, coppicing**, green **wood** working and canoe-building. Working with ReCORD and Cheshire Wildlife Trust we have **trained volunteers** in how to record reptiles, voles and other **endangered** wildlife



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Protecting the Salt Landscape



Middlewich Town Council has a carved **sandstone** monument celebrating the crucial role of the **waterways** in creating the Salt which will gradually take shape over the life of the partnership. In **Winsford** Friends of Weaver Parkway produced **history boards** to help people learn more about the town's story



Canal and Rivers Trust completed work on the **towpath** at the Blue Bridge, linking access between the salt towns of Northwich and Winsford. Friends of Marshall's Arm worked with contractors to complete **access** work. Cheshire Wildlife Trust carried out **habitat restoration** work at Cliff Meadows near **Frodsham**



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Celebrating Salt History



Heritage Open Day in Middlewich and Northwich saw an army of dedicated **local** volunteers supporting Saltscap partners to bring history alive. This day also saw the unveiling of the newly **restored** River Control Buildings at Anderton Boat Lift, another success for the partnership. Then we **explored** the archives with Cheshire Records Office and Winsford residents, past and present.



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Planning for the future



Exciting plans for **industrial archaeology**, digital media, conservation of waterway buildings and structures, creation of **reedbed habitats** and another round of **education projects** where local schools will learn more about the salt industry and its impact upon their environment. This year too will see the inception of Animate! - a one year programme of performance events with **local people**, delivered by Manchester Metropolitan University, that celebrates the salt landscape via the rich and diverse nature **of performing arts**.



New Project Manager Rachael Maskill is now in post with Saul Burton, Project Officer, Hannah Petrie, Press and Communications Officer and Sarah Perry Community Engagement Assistant.

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