



Celebrating Partnership!

As you read this there are over 20 different organisations involved in delivering Saltscap projects across the Weaver Valley. Partnership is key to the success of all our projects and to keeping the notion of a 'Salt Landscape' alive in the hearts and minds of the people who live and work here long after the projects have come to an end.

The existence of Saltscap as a Landscape Partnership gives so many of us already working in this special landscape the opportunity to work together under a banner that sums up the very distinct nature of the salt landscape of Cheshire.

News Update



A 150-year-old **swing foot bridge** over Vale Royal Locks is to get a new lease of life – thanks to a major renovation project that forms part of the Saltscap Landscape Partnership. **Canal and Rivers Trust** has removed the bridge and transported it on a low loader to Yorkshire for major repair and restoration works



The renovation work involves cleaning, shot-blasting and priming to prevent further corrosion, before the bridge is put into storage for 12 months. The second phase of the renovation works, depending on available funds, would be in spring 2017 and include extensive repairs and re-painting of the structure.

Middlewich Heritage Trust is looking to recruit new Trustees, particularly people with varied professional backgrounds. The Trust has been formed to preserve and promote the heritage of Middlewich (including buildings, artefacts and archives) as a resource for the benefit of the community and of the wider public. The key project is the restoration of Murgatroyd's Brine Pumps, the last of their kind in the UK regarded by Historic England as a significant and unique scheduled monument. Trustees will help in the development of the town's strategy as a visitor destination. Contact Kerry Fletcher 01606 833434



Look what a Saltscap Community Grant can do!

The Weaverham Community Memorial Orchard is bringing the Wareham Russett apple tree back from the brink of extinction. Thanks to lots of volunteer hours, a Saltscap community grant and funding from Weaverham Parish Council, thirty four saplings have been planted.



We will be running more rounds of our **community grant** applications throughout 2016 and 2017 with the next round coming up this September. We'd like to encourage as many groups as possible to apply for funding so do please help us to spread the Word. [Read more.](#)

This month we bid a fond farewell to Sarah Perry, Saltscap's Community Engagement trainee. Sarah is one of a number of people who will benefit from a traineeship as during the life of the Landscape Partnership. She has been based with the team at Groundwork Cheshire Lancashire and Merseryside for a year.



Sarah has seen the **Community Volunteer** programme go from strength to strength as more people get out to help preserve the Saltscapes. We wish Sarah the very best in her exciting new role with Norfolk Wildlife Trust.



Mako Education have been working with **Mid Cheshire College** on an exciting graphics project as part of our **digital media programme**.



Winsford Makerspace and Rock Salt Gallery has launched, a wealth of community resources including a technology lab.



Lion Salt Works and Mako Education have been recording precious memories for our **oral history projects**.

Coming Up.....

It's going to be a very busy summer for the Saltscapes Partnership. Come and see us at the Cheshire Show, Middlewich Folk and Boat, Frodsham and Northwich Festivals not forgetting Winsford Salt Fair and Regatta and various Heritage Open Day events. Visit the Saltscapes [Events](#) page to book on to one of our many popular courses - they're filling up fast! New projects are getting under way all the time so don't forget to visit our website and follow us on social media.



