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# The Heathlands Project

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Hello!

It's newsletter time again and it feels like Spring is finally here after a very long Winter and lots of snow! We'd love to hear what you think of our newsletter so do get in touch with any comments or suggestions.

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## New Timetable

We've just begun our new timetable and as well as our usual sections we've added some new groups including a Gaming group and a new Open College Network course in Environmental Crafts. You can find out more on the next page.

## Our helpful members

One of our members has been very busy volunteering for Cumbria Wildlife Trust, recently. Here's what Connor's been up to:

"Last week I helped the wildlife trust re-build a fence in Wreay woods to split up where is privately owned and where anybody can go as it got destroyed by a flood. We also helped them build a footpath, then the week after we went back and had a walk along the woods to have a look at the fence and footpath. I enjoyed helping as it was helping the public and helping nature. I saw a Kingfisher, a Dipper and even some Deer footprints."

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**We've had lots of snow since the last newsletter!**



**Connor volunteering with Cumbria Wildlife Trust**



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## News from our Sections...

### Kitchen and Bakery

This term we have two weekly bakery groups and two kitchen groups, making and selling various items for members to eat or take home. The kitchen will provide hot meals for purchase every Tuesday and Thursday and various baked items will be available on Mondays and Wednesdays.

### Art and Textiles

The Art and Textiles groups have been busy getting involved with the [Stitch a Tree Project](#) which aims to connect people around the UK to show support for displaced people across the world. Artist Alice Kettle is collecting all the trees and will join them together to create a 'forest.' We've had a great time designing and stitching our trees and are excited that they're going off to be part of a nationwide piece of work.

### Environmental Crafts OCN

We've just started another new Open College Network course called Environmental Crafts. It looks at how nature can inspire our work and how we can use natural and recycled materials to make work. Already we've had a go at rag rug making and have lots of exciting plans.

### Photography

With the warmer weather arriving (supposedly) we're running two photography groups this term on Mondays and Fridays. Both groups will be taking photos both in and around Heathlands, and organising trips out to take photos of places of interest. We plan to show photos that the groups wish to share with everyone on a display board. We also plan to send a camera to the edge of Space this term! More news in the next newsletter....

## Other News...

If you have something you would like us to include in the next newsletter then please get in touch. It could be an event you have coming up, something you've done or a bit about somewhere you've been.

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**Bakery groups hard at work!**



**Some of our trees for the Stitch a Tree project**



**Environmental Crafts OCN working on their rag rug making skills**