



Welcome to the August edition of the Forgotten Landscapes e-newsletter! Keep up-to-date with the latest project news plus information on events and activities with this monthly bulletin.

VOLUNTEER RANGERS 'DIG' ARCHAEOLOGY!

FLP Volunteer Rangers have just taken part in a successful archaeological training/work day at the Hill Pits Chimney site. Under the guidance of Dr Amelia Pannett (Archaeology Wales) volunteers learned how to monitor archaeological features – looking out for early signs of damage so that the sites can be maintained in the future. The team then got stuck in – clearing vegetation and rubble to more clearly define the walls of the Hill's Pit cottages. There are a few more days of clearance work planned. Please contact Sarah at sarah.lewis@torfaen.gov.uk if you would like to get involved. Read the full [Volunteer Rangers 'Dig' Archaeology](#) article.



WHAT'S ON?

Family Nature Detectives

Wed 1st August
10.30am - 12.30pm

Explore Coity Tip and discover the wildlife which has made this place its home. Complete the nature trail, hunt for minibeasts and have a go at pond dipping.

Skogsmulle

Fri 3rd, 10th & 17th August
10.00am - 2.00pm

Discover the secrets and stories in the woods. Family activity (aimed at children aged 4-7)

For full information please visit the [events section](#) of our website or call 01495 742333

GWENT POLICE WORK WITH PARTNER AGENCIES TO PROTECT FORGOTTEN LANDSCAPES



On Sunday 24th June, Gwent Police joined forces with local councils as well as the Forestry Commission, Brecon Beacons National Park Authority and the Treadlightly Trust to target landscape crime in the Forgotten Landscapes Area. In the one day operation officers focused on illegal offroading and fly-tipping – issuing 48 warnings and identifying 24 new flytipping sites for clean-up. Read the full [Gwent Police work with partner agencies to protect Forgotten Landscapes](#) article.



CATTLE RETURN TO THE COMMONS

A herd of ten Welsh Black cattle, seven of which were funded through the Forgotten Landscapes Project, have been put out onto common land northwest of Blaenavon. It's been several decades since cattle grazed this part of the common, and they will help reverse the decline of important habitats by trampling bracken and reducing the dominance of invasive hill species like purple moor-grass.

The scheme is a partnership between The Forgotten Landscapes Project and PONT (Pori, Natur a Threftadaeth – Grazing, Nature and Heritage), a not-for-profit organisation which exists to encourage and facilitate grazing for the benefit of the wildlife, landscape and cultural heritage of Wales.

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