

Transition New Mills Activity Highlights 2015-16

April 2016

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- Planted hundreds of new trees on the Derby Road playing fields in collaboration with Thornsett School.
- Led the incredibly successful balsam bashing project as we continue to aim for a balsam free New Mills thus allowing native species to bloom once again.
- Launched New Mills Incredible Edible projects – first action was to help New Mills Primary School establish edible garden planters.
- Worked on a campaign to influence Derbyshire County Council to divest pension funds out of the fossil fuel industry.
- Lobbied our local MP, Andrew Bingham, about action on climate change prompted by the Paris talks.
- Sent a series of crowd-sourced questions on rewilding, transport, energy, food, and the economy to all the local parliamentary hopefuls in the General Election.
- Helped raised awareness and stimulated discussion in Transition-related themes such as showing the movies *This Changes Everything* (about climate change) and *Taking Root* (about social change in Africa), and book reading such as *The Establishment and How They Get Away With It* by Owen Jones.
- Promoted local ventures and activities such as *How Does Your Garden Grow?*, *Torrside Brewery*, the lantern festival, the Community Orchard's apple day, Village SOS, and Sustainable Hayfield events.
- Hosted a workshop about steady state economics by Steady State Manchester at the last AGM.

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- New Mills Town Council
- Sponsors of the balsam bash: Butterfly Cafe, Llamados, Pulse, Manchester Giants basketball team, and Spring Bank film club
- New Mills Festival
- Spring Bank Arts
- Contributors to the New Mills Primary School's Incredible Edible project: Redmoor Building Supplies, Alder Garden Services, Rolf West, Ryans DIY shop, New Mills Allotment Society