



33 Members of the Kurdish Community doing a preparation litter pick for the opening of Archie's Nature Trail, May 2026

Volunteering events, light site maintenance and litter picks

We are fortunate to host many volunteer days for light site maintenance tasks and litter picking. We are especially grateful to the Ponds People volunteers, Tyne Rivers Trust, the landowners (Taylor Wimpey & Persimmon Homes) and the team from the Kurdish Community for all of their support in helping to keep the Parish Ponds a beautiful and safe place which everyone can enjoy.



A Tyne Rivers Trust maintenance day



A Taylor Wimpey and Volunteers litter pick

(Below) Pond clearance event





Volunteers learning how to construct a Dead Hedge, May 2026

Free Community Events combining fun and education

One of the many additional attractions that the Project has to offer are the free Community Events. The events are suitable for all age groups and are hosted by the Natural History Society of Northumbria in partnership with the Ouse Burn Way. There are a range of topics:



- Bat Nights
- Amphibian Adventures
- Pond Dipping
- Dragonflies
- Mushroom & Fungi meanders
- Hunt for the Yellowhammer and other birds
- Dead Hedging
- and others



**Pond Dipping (left), Amphibian walk (above),
Bat Night (below)**

