

Of Hollinswood and Randlay Valley Response to Community Governance Review Draft Proposals 2025

Group was created to offer support to the Parish Council and work to improve the Randlay Valley area and to provide a safe outdoor space. The valley is an official Local Nature Reserve (LNR)

We work as volunteers to litter pick and to cut back shrubs and bushes, to keep paths clear and areas accessible. We do this through regular volunteer days

We also hold meetings and events to organise the group and raise money and advertise the benefits of the Valley. Money is also raised through grants obtained from local companies and organisations.

Although welcoming the opportunity to respond the draft proposal, we have severe reservations about its possible effects upon our group and the future of Randlay Valley

At Hollinswood and Randlay Parish Council the 5-year strategy is continuous, and longstanding, and includes support for the Randlay Valley Area.

This support includes but is not limited to:

- Administrative help
- Publicity
- Cooperation
- Encouragement of the staff to take part in and support FoHRV events and environmental upgrades
- Grant financing
- Provision of meeting spaces
- Provision of storage areas for tools and materials
- Lobbying with outside bodies

Without these elements of support, we believe that it will be far more difficult for our group to carry out its tasks and reach its objective - to maintain access to the Valley for the local population

Our concern is that a new council, not having this previous knowledge and experience, will not support the Friends actions until such time as the council can develop its own set of priorities, if at all.

This would tend to be detrimental to the well being of the population in Hollinswood and Randlay who would see reduced accessibility to the Valley into the future