

Tesco Bags of Help



In 2017, our Society submitted a bid to the Tesco Bags of Help Fund to create the Duxbury Park History Trail. We hope to use the funding to research, design and print leaflets for a trail which would enable the public to make better use of the Duxbury area. The project would also provide waymarks to guide walkers around the trail.

Duxbury is one of the oldest and most important historical sites in the district, being formerly the home of the Standish family. The original hall was built in 1623 and although the hall is long since gone, the site includes grottos, a cruck barn, a walled garden, a coach house and stables. The woodlands, alongside the beautiful River Yarrow, have sites of former coal mines and the remains of a water-powered corn mill with mill pond and mill race. Although it is a public open space, being part of the Yarrow Valley Country Park, there is very little information provided to the public to make them aware of the history that is all around them and to encourage them to explore the grounds and woodland. With the help and support of Chorley Council, we propose to create two historical trails; one for the hall and grounds and one for the ancient woodland and river. Visitors would follow waymarks using dedicated, easy to follow history trail leaflets with maps. The leaflets will be available locally at no cost.

The benefits of this project are that it will widen the choice of self-guided walks in the Chorley District, and, by encouraging interest in this aspect of local history will lead people to take more free exercise. As historians we want residents and visitors to have better understanding of the role of Duxbury and the Standish family in the history of Chorley.

Our project now is being forwarded to a customer vote in January and February at both the main Chorley Extra store and at the Buckshaw store. Our project will be up against two other local projects. Customers can vote each time they shop. They will receive a voting token per transaction. Please go to the stores and vote for us. You can vote as many times as you make a transaction and the transactions can be of any value. Please encourage friends and family to also vote on our behalf.