



England Project Newsletter

July/August 2018

Dear England Project Members,

Welcome to a double issue newsletter for the England Project. With so much activity on the project and Wikitree, it was a challenge to get the July newsletter out, so we have held it all for the August newsletter.

[Introduction](#) - Wendy Sullivan - England Project Co-Leader

July has been a quiet month compared to previous months, maybe due to the start of summer holidays in the northern hemisphere. We are still averaging a person a day asking to join us, so the effect summer is having on our project is minimal.

We have been able to streamline many of the things we do in the project, making things easier for people to use, and identifying new areas which will make our project even better. With the introduction of the new privacy laws, many of our England profiles were made inaccessible, but our members have overcome these problems and continued to make England profiles the best they can be. Even with these restrictions, we have had an increase in the number of profiles that have been given some much needed TLC, not just from our Orphan trail but from our various teams. Thank you to everyone for their hard work in whatever way you have helped. :)

[Orphan Trail](#) - Coordinator - Ros Haywood

There have been nine graduates of the Orphan Trail during June and July, making the total number of graduates now 24, with 46 people still making their way along the trail. One of the Orphan Trail's recent graduates received the Community Star award from a Leader, a great achievement.

[Profile Improvers Team](#) - Coordinator - Joan Whitaker

Since the last newsletter there has been some changes to the Profile Improvers Team page, and pages have been added for the separate groups, Data Doctors, Sourcerers etc. There are some ideas on these pages about how members can help with the project. They can be used by everyone, not just team members. Carol Keeling is now team leader for the Connectors and Janet Wild is leading the Data Doctors. These teams are making a difference to English profiles, with over 1000 data errors corrected last month, improving profiles for everyone. Both teams are looking for additional volunteers to help with these tasks, which are sometimes some of the more challenging, but certainly most rewarding tasks. Please get in touch with Janet or Carol if you would like to help. Experience is not necessary, just a willingness to help!

[Data Doctors](#) - Team Leader - Janet Wild

The England Data Doctor Team has been working hard, from the 8th to the 29th of July the England suggestion lists saw a reduction of 2,806 there were just 12 members in the team so this figure represents a lot of work.

Many profiles had additional work done to source, categorise and build a short biography. A lot were marked unsourced to county level. Team members have "adopted" sets of suggestions to minimise duplication of visits to a profile. Some have adopted counties as well.

We have had some very positive messages from members and it is encouraging to see the profile managers pick up from where we left off, of course for our orphans it is important to keep them from being lost in the branches.

The team is looking for more members, our latest recruit is [[Downey-1809|Teresa Downey]] who complete the orphan trail recently. Please say a big welcome to Teresa.

Come along and join in the fun visit the [Data Doctors page](#).

[Connectors](#) - Team Leader - Carol Keeling

During the last two months, four new members have joined the England Connectors Team. Hilary Gadsby, was keen to connect a large unconnected branch that she'd had to disconnect from her own tree.

Suzanne Doig, (after completing the Orphans Trail) joined the connectors and was working on connecting all profiles of people born in Walton Somerset. She started with 24 profiles and there are only 9 left unconnected now. She also participated in last months Connectors Challenge, where she was shown as the top connector for the month.

Stephanie Meredith was also working on a large unconnected branch, which with Carol's help, finally got it connected.

Finally, our newest recruit is Michael Bissell who will be starting a sub project on English Classical Composers.

Carol is working on connecting English born members of the category [Australian Army Generals](#), which is a sub project run by Kenneth Evans. There were 15 to start with, so far she has connected 9 of them, so only 6 to go.

[Managed Profiles](#) - Coordinator - Vivienne Caldwell

The number of Managed Profiles is increasing gradually. We have taken on some new profiles in the last two months from project member suggestions and from G2G posts.

Another England project profile, [Emily Bronte](#), was featured recently as Profile of the Week. If you come across a contentious or historically significant profile that you think would benefit from our project protection, please let us know via our suggestion [form](#). We are now asking for participation from experienced members, so if you would like to work on one of our managed profiles please see [this page](#) for more information and a list of profiles needing work.

Categories and Resources - Coordinator - Martin Allen

June and July have seen the completion of the migration of all place names to a single category within each county page, so that the high level county pages are not congested with places. All county pages now have guidance at the top of the places category that describe how profiles should be placed. If you are part of a county team, please keep an eye on the top level county page and move any incorrectly placed categories.

Also, resources for counties have been improved to be clearer. Check out the red box at the top of each county page; there will be a link to a resource page for the county. These resource pages are still evolving, so why not speak to the county team leader of any counties you are working on to see what help you could give these pages.

England Projects Sub-Projects - Coordinator - Neil Perry

Our first sub-project, English Authors, continues to go from strength to strength, with 199 profiles currently identified, with project manager Ros reviewing 10 more for inclusion in the project.

A number of new sub-projects are on the cusp on being announced. Keep an eye on your inbox for forthcoming details for sub-projects for English Artists, Politicians and Classical Music Composers, all of which will be looking for volunteers to help with the building of these projects.

If you have any ideas for a new sub-project, please let Neil know. The idea of a sub-project is to consider a facet of English life and look at the people that were involved or affected by it, along with their families, eventually connecting these people to the main tree, to see how we are all connected to these facets.