



England Project Newsletter

May 2018

Dear England Project Members,

I can't quite believe it's a full month since we last wrote to you. So much has changed, and we have some exciting announcements to make. Firstly, our very own [Wendy Sullivan](#) was asked to be a **WikiTree Leader**! Wendy has been such an enormous contributor to England, and especially in her roles as PC for **Welcome and Integration**, and Suffolk County Leader. The good news is that she has agreed to continue in both those roles as a project leader moving forwards. Wendy also tells us that since the new Pre-1700 forms came into effect her work has picked up a pace responding to enquiries and with people looking to join the project. She has also been hard at work over the past month reaching out to all of you to find out how you are doing. The response has been fantastic and she is excited to see how we are growing.

We've also welcomed two new Project Coordinators on board. [Neil Perry](#) has taken on the role of **Project Coordinator for Sub-Projects**. He is the go-to person for everything from the Suffragettes sub-project I am intending to get off the ground soon, to English Breweries (so many ideas, so little time). If you have an idea for a sub-project you'd like to work on, go and see Neil and he'll help you get set up.

[Martin Allen](#) has been with the England Project for quite some time. He is now working as the **Project Coordinator for Categories and Resources**. If you have any questions or suggestions about either, then he's the person to see. Right now Martin is working hard to gather resources together from a number of different pages to make them simple to use and easily accessible to all.

The **Orphan Team** is still going strong.. In this past quarter alone, ten people have completed the Trail and are now working on other things in the project, and a whopping 164 profiles have been improved. This is a fantastic accomplishment and thanks to all who have been involved.

On the **Counties team** front we are moving towards team leaders looking after and growing their teams to improve profiles for that county. Leaders are setting up pages for their teams along the lines of the Hertfordshire Team page. The most recent county to go online is Bedfordshire! They are working on things as diverse as maintenance categories (such as unsourced and unconnected), notables, one place studies, and sub-projects. Things are really starting to grow here which is exciting!

Following on from a very successful Clean-a-thon, Gillian is progressing with the revamp of the **Profile Improvement Team (PIP)** (Sourcerers, Bio-Builders, Data Doctors, Connectors, and Arborists). I would like all PIP Team members to have the relevant functional project badge. One goal will be to identify PIP Team members with particular expertise so that we have “go-to” people for specific time periods/issues. Also, we need to identify PIP Team members with pre-1500 certification who are able to work on early profiles. If you would like to work towards your pre-1500 certification, please let Gillian know.

The England Project's stable of **PPPs and Managed Profiles** is steadily growing. We have some exciting new additions including [Sir Isaac Newton](#), [Sir Tim Berners-Lee](#) and [Lord Horatio Nelson](#). Also some more contentious PPP profiles have come to us. It was very exciting to see the England managed profile of [Charles Darwin](#) to be featured in a recent edition of Wikitree News. See [England Project PPP/Managed Profiles](#) for more information on our profiles. Thank you to all the project members who have worked on our profiles this month.

Here's to a brilliant May. Thanks everyone!

Gillian, Susie, Wendy, Ros, Vivienne, Martin and Neil.