

## Lothians Conservation Volunteers

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*We are a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation, run entirely by volunteers, and we've been doing conservation work in and around Edinburgh for over forty-five years.*

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As I write this, we begin a new quarter in the middle of a heatwave following the summer solstice and the group's annual residential week at Taynish and the Moine Mhor. This quarter we are again looking forward to a variety of tasks on both new and familiar sites.

Following our AGM in May there have been some changes in the committee, with Laura Marsh being welcomed to the post of publicity officer. We have also been rejigging our website to make it easier for volunteers and clients to find the information they're looking for.

Here's to another successful quarter, and we hope to see you out on task!

*William McSporran, Co-ordinator*



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# How to book and what to bring

## Saturday and Sunday Tasks

We meet on the north side of St Andrew Square at 9.30am prompt — look out for our white minibus. We normally aim to return around 5.30pm. Bring a woolly hat, waterproofs, a packed lunch and boots or wellies — steel toe caps are recommended. If you have your own work gloves you might want to bring them, though we do have gloves that anyone can borrow. Pack plenty of drinking water and wear warm clothes. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided.

Transport is free: phone Debbie, our Transport Secretary, by the Friday evening before the task to book your seat so that we know how many tools to take and don't go without you. Early booking is recommended. We only have twelve seats in the bus, so please do come if you've booked or others will miss out. If the bus is full, or if it's easier for you, you can meet us at the task site, but please inform Debbie so we can confirm the meeting point and arrival time with you. We don't cancel if it's raining. Age limits: Under 16s must be accompanied by a responsible adult and cannot travel in our minibus. We ask under 18s to please tell us your age when booking. Please ensure that your tetanus vaccination is up to date.

## Residential Tasks

Residentials are great fun and they allow LCV to undertake larger tasks further away from Edinburgh. They involve a weekend away to work on the Saturday and Sunday. We leave on Friday night and usually take in a chip shop on the way. We get back to Edinburgh on Sunday evening.

Regardless of the time of year, bring a complete change of clothing so that you can get out of your work clothes in the evening. Remember that the weather can be very changeable, so bring a warm jumper and hat and above all don't forget a waterproof jacket and trousers and sturdy footwear. A water bottle is recommended. Unless otherwise indicated you'll probably need to take a sleeping bag and, if sleeping on the floor, a Karrimat or air-bed.

On residential tasks, breakfasts, lunches and the evening meal are organised by a volunteer. Everyone helps to prepare the food. The fare is usually vegetarian and there is plenty of it. Food for a weekend usually works out at £8 to £10 each. Pickup is from St Andrew Square at 7.30pm on Friday, unless otherwise stated. If you want to go on a residential task, please book with Debbie, our Transport Secretary. Bookings will be accepted for weekend residential tasks up to the preceding Wednesday evening.

## Monthly committee meetings

Every second Tuesday of the month we have a meeting to discuss LCV business at 16 Forth Street, off Broughton Street. We leave a notice near the door with a mobile number to call so we can let you in. All are welcome to the meeting; we usually go for a drink in a local pub afterwards.

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Like us on **Facebook**: [www.facebook.com/LothiansConservationVolunteers](http://www.facebook.com/LothiansConservationVolunteers)

Follow us on **Instagram**:

<https://www.instagram.com/lothiansconservationvolunteers>

Join our Yahoo **Newsgroup**: to join our newsgroup, lcvnews, send an email to [webmaster@lcv.org.uk](mailto:webmaster@lcv.org.uk)

## Upcoming events

For more details on any event check out our website: [www.lcv.org.uk](http://www.lcv.org.uk)

## Conservation tasks

Jul	Sun 1	Traprain Law	Ragwort removal
	Sun 8	Roslin Glen	Woodland maintenance
	Sat 14	Holyrood Park	Himalayan balsam removal
	Sun 15	Hermitage of Braid	Himalayan balsam removal
	Sat 21	Penicuik-Dalkeith Walkway	Pond and woodland management
	Sun 22	Traprain Law	Ragwort removal
	Sun 29	Addiewell Bing	Tree weeding
Aug	Sun 5	Roslin Glen	Himalayan balsam removal
	Sun 12	Holyrood Park	Himalayan balsam removal
	Sun 19	Falkland Estate	Rhododendron removal
	Sun 26	Gullane Bents	Grassland management
Sept	Sun 2	Penicuik-Dalkeith Walkway	Woodland management
	Sat 8	Straiton Pond	Pond work
	Sun 9	Holyrood Park	Gorse cutting
	Sun 16	Red Moss	Birch pulling
	Sun 23	Gore Glen	Tree thinning
	Sun 30	Bawsinch	Pond clearance/path work
Oct	Sun 7	Easter Craiglockhart	Meadow Raking
	Fri 19 -	Carsegowan/Carstramon	Birch scrub and beech sapling
	Sun 21	residential	removal

## Other events

Jul	Tue 10	19:30	Committee meeting followed by pub trip
Aug	Tue 14	19:30	Committee meeting followed by pub trip
Sept	Tue 11	19:30	Committee meeting followed by pub trip
Oct	Tue 9	19:30	Committee meeting followed by pub trip