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I'm happy to report that it has been another very successful year for LCV. Despite the pesky snow during the winter we've managed a total number of workdays which is close to the highest ever achieved.

Also, due to a couple of unanticipated large donations—many thanks to Standard Life and Royal Bank of Scotland—we've been able to make a couple of major purchases for our toolshed and garage, including new, and currently very shiny, garage doors.

There have been some personal successes as well with Simon Bonsall passing his D1 minibus driving test.

I'm also happy to report that most of the committee have agreed to stay on for now though Simon Bonsall has taken over David Nutter's fundraising role and Ian Dickson has replaced Simon as Leader / Driver Organiser. Sarah McConachie has stepped in to fill the void left by Emma and Alexandra, outgoing social co-ordinators.

A big thank you for the great effort made by the committee and volunteers over the past year!

And let's see, if the snow stays away we may just hit an all time workday high in the coming twelve months.

Louisa Martin—Co-ordinator



Lothians Conservation Volunteers

We are a Scottish Charity, run entirely by volunteers, and we've been doing conservation work in and around Edinburgh for forty years.

We belong to the BTCV Community Network. Our funding comes from the clients that we work for, and also by grants from organisations like Scottish Wildlife Trust and Scottish Natural Heritage.

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The Editor Writes...

The editor's desk here at *Mucker* HQ is bathed in watery sunlight as I piece together my final issue of *The Mucker* for LCV. Over the next few months I will be passing on all *Mucker* files and the shoe box brimming with back issues to the next editor who will take the helm as the *Puggled Mucker* moves forward in its new streamlined format. We are catching up with the times and intend to use the internet as our primary means of disseminating all things LCV. But don't panic, if you still want a concise paper version of the LCV task programme delivered to your door we will keep you posted.

You'll find all the usual essential information on forthcoming tasks and social events in this issue, in addition to a report from the spring Carrifran residential. In our social programme you'll see we have scheduled a good mix of activities to get you out and about. Thanks to all committee members who have helped to put the summer programmes together.

This is your newsletter, and contributions from all LCV members are welcome. Most formats can be accommodated—handwritten, drawn, photographed, electronic. Just get in touch with the editor—contact details in the *Contact Us* section of the LCV website—**by August 25** if you have something you'd like to see included in the next issue.

Task Programme

June 19

Roslin Glen: Pathwork/woodland maintenance

Roslin Glen is a 19 hectare reserve to the east of Roslin village and on the south bank of the River North Esk in Midlothian. The site is owned and managed by Midlothian Council. It is a relatively undisturbed mixed deciduous woodland largely made up of native sessile oak, wych-elm and ash, with a shrub layer of hazel and holly. There are also some introduced sycamore, beech and Norway spruce trees which are gradually being removed.

The area boasts a rich woodland flora which includes dog's mercury, ramsons, wood-rush and various ferns. Dippers and kingfishers can be seen in the fairly clean waters of the Esk. The area has been put under a Millennium Forest for Scotland grant scheme to return the woodland to a native mixture of trees such as ash, alder, oak, pine and birch. On this task, we will be tree thinning and improving access by working on drainage and paths in the glen.

June 25 SATURDAY

Gore Glen: step construction

Gore Glen Woodland Park is a good example of land restoration. This former coal bing has been landscaped into an attractive area for both wildlife and visitors. The park was planted in 1979 with a variety of species and is mainly woodland in character. The Gore Water runs through the park and supports kingfishers, dippers and herons. On this task we will be constructing steps to improve access within the site.



June 26

Beecraigs Country Park: path construction

Beecraigs Country Park, near Linlithgow, is owned and managed by West Lothian Council. It spans 370 hectares over the Bathgate Hills and comprises a commercially active conifer plantation, a deer attraction, a loch, a caravan and camping site and a large play area. Beecraigs is navigable by several way-marked trails and offers both the shelter of deep woodland and access to fantastic views over the

Forth Valley. LCV has done a variety of tasks here, including tree planting and coppicing, drystone dyking, footpath work, boardwalk construction, bridge building and step building. On this visit we will be working on paths within the site to improve access.

July 3

Addiewell: tree weeding

Addiewell Bing is a long, narrow reserve of 21 hectares just south of Bathgate in West Lothian, which is leased and managed by the Scottish Wildlife Trust. It is an excellent example of how a derelict industrial site—part of the oil shale industry—can be converted into an important wildlife refuge. Most of the reserve is covered by woodland and scrub, but there are also patches of bracken, heather, open grassland and marshy ground with a rich variety of plants and birds. Originally, the area was planted with lodgepole pine to help stabilise the steep sides of this old spoil heap. More recently, these trees have been replaced with native species including oak and ash. In the past we have felled lodgepole pine, upgraded the footpath and cleared invading broom from areas of heather. On this visit we will be weeding around young trees to give them space to grow.



July 9 – 16

Scone Palace residential: pathwork plus

Scone Palace is situated above the River Tay and overlooks routes north to the highlands and east to the coast. Perth lies just across the river and the Grampian mountains can be seen in the distance. The extensive grounds and gardens at Scone are home to a variety of wildlife including the red squirrel.

Work will be mainly rhododendron removal, path work, fencing and possibly some bridge building and woodland management. Accommodation hasn't yet been finalised but wherever we stay volunteers will need to bring sleeping mats and bags. Book your place with Debbie by Wednesday 6 July at the latest.

July 23 SATURDAY

Addiewell: tree weeding

This will be a continuation of the work begun on July 3.

July 24

Beecraigs Country Park: path construction

This will be a continuation of the work begun on June 26

July 31

Pishwanton: TBC

This 22 hectare site is located three kilometres south of Gifford, near Haddington in East Lothian. The Life Science Trust was established in 1992 to research, teach and promote education methods that enable people to rediscover connections with the natural world and develop a partnership with their environment. It purchased the woods in 1996 and the site sits at 200m on the edge of the Lammermuir Hills. Occupation of the area dates back to prehistoric times and there is a large Iron Age burial mound. Research and teaching is carried out on a wide variety of topics—medicinal plant study, herb growing, land and craft skills and ecological building methods to name a few. On previous tasks, LCV



has planted trees and cut gorse for weaving into a fence. This site can be wet so wellies are strongly recommended if you have them! For up-to-date information on the nature of this task please consult the LCV website at www.lcv.org.uk.

August 7

Gullane Links: pirri pirri burr removal

Gullane Links are part of the beautiful and dramatic coastal scenery in East Lothian, which includes sand dunes, mudflats, sandy beaches, rocky headlands, steep cliffs and a scattering of small islands. Gullane Bay is about two miles north-east of Aberlady and is one of the finest and most popular sandy beaches within easy reach of Edinburgh. Pirri pirri burr is a low growing, evergreen perennial native to New Zealand. The plant has become invasive along parts of the East Lothian coastline, where it outcompetes native grasses on the dune system. On this task we will be helping the East Lothian Rangers remove pirri pirri burr.

August 14

Addiewell: tree weeding

This will be a continuation of the work begun on July 3.

August 21

Gore Glen: broom control

See June 25 for a description of this site. On this visit we will be hand pulling broom where possible and burning on site.



August 28

Bawsinch: watercourse management

Bawsinch and Duddingston Loch are found on the southern edge of Holyrood Park, just below Arthur's Seat and only three kilometres from the city centre. Formerly a derelict industrial site, Bawsinch is a triangular area next to the south shore of the loch. This 26 hectare reserve, partly owned and managed by the Scottish Wildlife Trust, is a bird sanctuary and has been designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest. The area boasts breeding and wintering wildfowl, marshland with reedbeds and willow, patches of scrub and woodland, some freshwater ponds and an area of grassland named Goose Green. In the past LCV has felled trees, cleared ponds, built log bridges and cleared invasive vegetation. On this task we will be controlling reeds that grow alongside the loch which will improve access for breeding birds.

September 3 SATURDAY

Vogie: meadow raking

Vogie is a popular country park four kilometres south-east of Dalkeith run by Midlothian Council. About half the area is covered by woodland and scrub, with smaller patches of grassland, three ponds, an alder coppice and a conifer plantation. Over the years we have cleared the ponds, cut meadow grass, repaired part of a drystone dyke, cleared scrub, coppiced alder and planted trees. On this visit we will be meadow raking.



See July 31 for a description of this site.

September 9 – 11**Taynish/Moine Mhor residential
meadow raking/birch pulling**

The ancient deciduous woodland at Taynish is one of the largest in Britain. Oak trees have flourished here for 6,000 years or more—a little longer than people have lived here. Once a source of timber and charcoal, these woods now form one of Britain's largest remaining native oakwoods. The importance of the site was recognised in 1977 by designation as a National Nature Reserve and it is now managed by Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH). Taynish lies on a scenic peninsula overlooking Loch Sween, which was scoured out by glaciers 11,000 years ago, and has an atmosphere all of its own. The peninsula has a wide range of habitats, including shoreline, grassland, scrub, bog, heath and woodland, each home to a host of plants, insects, birds and mammals that thrive in the clean, humid air. In all, between the woodland's dripping ferns and mosses and the marsh and grassland, over 300 plant species and more than 20 kinds of butterfly are supported. To help the woods keep their near-natural character and rich wildlife, SNH is encouraging the spread of native trees by controlling deer, which browse on young trees. SNH is also removing rhododendron, which crowds out other plants.

On this visit we will be working both at Taynish and Moine Mhor—a lowland raised bog in Kilmartin Glen also managed by SNH—meadow raking and removing invasive birch. Accommodation is in the luxurious Kilmartin 'bothy' with cosy beds, en-suite showers and a useful 'drying room' for your gear in the event of rain. Duvets and pillows are provided, but please bring (single) bed linen with you. Book your place with Debbie by Wednesday 7 September at the latest.



September 18**Red Moss: birch pulling**

The main feature of Red Moss, which is an Scottish Wildlife Reserve above Balerno, is a raised bog. Over time, the sphagnum moss has built up. It now acts like a sponge as the water level at the centre of the raised dome is considerably higher than the nearby Bavelaw reservoir. To prevent the bog drying out, over the past 15 years we have pulled up any birch which has self-seeded. This is an ideal task for people new to conservation work. We need lots of volunteers to form a line to work systematically across the bog. This site can be wet so wellies are recommended if you have them.

September 24 SATURDAY Bawsinch: watercourse management

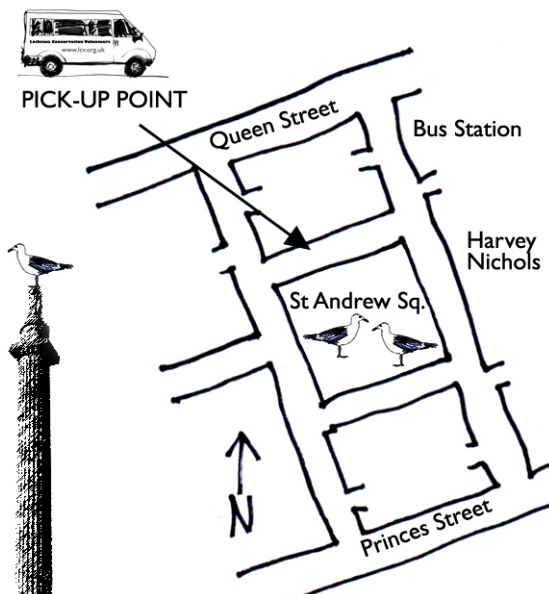
This will be a continuation of the work begun on August 28.

September 25**Aberlady Bay: sea buckthorn control**

Situated on the coast, Aberlady Bay is a Local Nature Reserve owned and managed by East Lothian Council. It is a large area—580 hectares—made up of an open bay with sand and mudflats, as well as expanses of saltings, dunes and grassland. The area is best known for its birds, where over 200 species have been seen. There is also considerable botanical interest—you can see the full plant succession from mudflat to saltmarsh, to dune scrub and grassland. On this task, we will be clearing areas of invasive sea buckthorn. Sea buckthorn is quite prickly, so hard-wearing clothes are advisable.

How to book and what to bring

Day tasks



We meet on the north side of St Andrew Square at 9.30 a.m. prompt—look out for our white minibus. We normally aim to return around 5.30 p.m. Bring a woolly hat, waterproofs, a packed lunch and boots or wellies—steel toe-cap wear is 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, but please phone Debbie, the Transport Secretary, by the Friday evening before the task if you are coming—this is so that we know how many tools to take, whether there's room in the minibus and so that we don't go without you. Tasks are very popular, so you're advised to book early. We also only have 12 seats in the bus, so please come if you've booked, or someone else will miss out. If the bus is full, or it's easier for you, you can of course meet us at the task site, but again please inform the Transport Secretary, so we can let you know the meeting point and also when we expect to arrive.

Before you come on any task with us, please make sure that your tetanus vaccination is up to date. We don't cancel the task if it's raining.

Residential Tasks

Residentials are great fun and they allow LCV to undertake larger tasks further 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 sturdy bottle for drinking water 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 – £10 each. Pick-up is from St. Andrew Square at 7.30 p.m. on Friday, unless otherwise stated. If you want to go on a residential task, please book with the Transport Secretary. Normally, bookings will be accepted for weekend residential tasks up to the preceding Wednesday evening.

Before you come on any task with us, please make sure that your tetanus vaccination is up to date.

Monthly committee meetings

Every second Tuesday of the month, we have a meeting at 16 Forth Street, off Broughton Street, at 7.30 p.m. We leave a notice near the door with a mobile number to call so we can let you in. You are welcome to join us while we discuss LCV business. We often go for a drink in a local pub afterwards.

News

Leading tasks and driving for LCV

We are always looking for new volunteers to lead tasks. There is a description of how to lead a task on the LCV website—look under ‘how to’—and training courses are run from time to time. Normally an experienced leader would be around for backup for the first few tasks. If you might be interested in leading tasks for LCV, please get in touch with Ian our Leader/Driver organiser—contact details inside the back cover. Minibus drivers are also needed—if you are a relatively experienced driver, the first step is to get in touch with Willie our Minibus Officer—contact details inside the back cover. Our aim is that all LCV drivers will also receive MiDAS training, which involves theoretical and practical aspects of safe driving. We can also arrange D1 training for those who need it.

LCV clothing

Image Scotland is a company based in Musselburgh that supplies a good range of branded outdoor clothing. See www.imagescotland.com for their catalogue. They have a large green screen printed version of the LCV logo on their database that works well on anything from T-shirts to high visibility jackets, along with a smaller multicoloured embroidery version that is better for fleeces, hats etc. Phone Mark Herron our Membership Secretary—contact details inside the back cover—if you would like to purchase a garment branded with the LCV logo for your outdoor activities.

Paper copy *Puggled Mucker* subscriptions

If you would like to receive a paper copy of the quarterly *Puggled Mucker* newsletter the cost to cover printing and postage is £4 per year. Please send a cheque payable to ‘Lothians Conservation Volunteers’ to Mark Herron—contact details inside the back cover—and let him know if your contact details change.

LCV Online

Don’t forget that you can check the task and social programme online at www.lcv.org.uk. The website is a mine of useful information for leading tasks, working the kettle and catering for large groups on residentials.

Keep up with LCV news

Join our Yahoo! online discussion group, where we publish LCV news, discussions about LCV activities and social events. To subscribe contact David Nutter, LCV Webmaster—contact details inside the back cover.

Social Events

For all events it is better to book beforehand by emailing Sarah, the Social Organiser—contact details in the *Contact Us* section of the LCV website—this way you can be updated if there is a change in arrangements. But, if you are not sure what you're doing until the last minute, for most events it is possible to just turn up. Updates on social events are sometimes circulated on LCV News our online newsgroup, see above for details.

Sat 2 July

LCV Cycle Ride

Dust off your panniers as we head off on our bikes for a day trip of approximately 25 miles. The route will be easy / moderate, utilising cycle paths and Sustrans routes where possible. A coffee and cake stop en route is 100% guaranteed but bring your own lunch. Meet 10 a.m. at the big signpost at the junction of the Roseburn and Telford cycle paths at Craigleith and let Sarah know in advance if you're coming.

Mon 11 July

LCV Pub Quiz at The Cumberland Bar

Come along and join the LCV pub quiz team. It is free to enter and the quiz starts at 8.30 p.m. We will meet in the bar at 7.45 p.m. It would be helpful if you could let Sarah know in advance if you wish to attend but you can also turn up and join us on the night

Sat 6 August

Guided Afternoon Walk around Holyrood Park

Due to its archaeology, geology and wildlife our local park is a Scheduled Ancient Monument and Site of Special Scientific Interest. LCV's own Matt McCabe, a Historic Scotland Ranger, will reveal some lesser known facts about the site as he leads this walk round Arthur's Seat and Holyrood Park. Meet at the Educa-

tion Centre, 1 Queen's Drive at 1.30 p.m. and we'll retire to a local hostelry after the walk. Let Sarah know if you're coming so we don't leave without you!

Sat 13 August

Party By The Pond

Some of you may recall that last year LCV assisted in digging a new pond in Martin and Sharon's back garden and removing a rhododendron hedge. The pond and the mixed native hedge are now thriving so we would like to invite all LCVerS to see the results for themselves and enjoy a beer and barbeque with us from 6.00 p.m. Contact Martin, LCV's Publicity Officer—contact details in the *Contact Us* section of the LCV website—for directions.

Wed 24 August

LCV Does The Festival

Join us for our annual trip to the Festival Fringe. Meet us at 7.30 p.m. for a drink before the show. Full details of venue will be published nearer the time once the programme is released—and the critics have savaged—so keep an eye on the newsgroup or contact Sarah for further information. Please let Sarah know if you're coming.

Sat 17 September

LCV Skittles Night

Battle for the coveted LCV Skittles Champion Shield in the Sheep Heid Inn, Duddingston and you'll be in good company - apparently King James VI was a veteran—of the Sheep Heid's skittle alley, not LCV's Champion Shield. We have booked the skittles alley for the whole night; there will be a small charge to cover the booking fee. A 'basket supper' can be had for £4.95. Let Sarah know if you're coming, but it's also fine just to turn up on the night—7.00 p.m. start.

Sat 8 October

Glentress Mountain Biking Trip

We have booked a half-day beginners' tuition course in mountain biking for 6 – 8 people. The cost will be approximately £30 for the tuition, £20 for bike hire and a small charge for the minibus. You may sign up for the tuition or just come in the van to go biking if you are already experienced. If you wish to bring your own bike please make your own travel arrangements. Please contact Sarah by September 8 if you would like to book a place. The trip will take the whole day; precise times to be confirmed.

Views

Carrifran Residential 15 – 17 April 2011



A sheep pen with a view at Carrifran.

‘Carrifran’ sounds like a planet from Doctor Who but in reality is a 1,600 acre ice-carved valley in the Moffat Hills. The Wildwood Group of the Borders Forest Trust (BFT) are implementing an ecological restoration of the forest that existed 6,000 years ago before agriculture. It’s an ambitious scheme and since it started in the year 2,000 over half a million native trees have been planted. LCV has planted a good number of these on previous visits.

With Wille McSporran in the driving seat, nine volunteers travelled south on Friday night. After making the traditional stop for chips in Biggar and picking up the keys for

our accommodation, we arrived at the corrugated iron clad Moffat Water Hall. Neither a near suicidal deer nor a closed motorway had prevented us from reaching our destination and a good night’s sleep.

We rose early on Saturday morning to a sunny warm day and got organised to meet George Moffat from BFT at 9.30am. We were joined by stalwart LCV regulars Tony Irvine and Trevor Paterson in the carpark. Our task was to plant some 150 aspen. This is only fourteen trees each for eleven people but the planting area was about 180 metres up the side of the valley. After making up planting bags with canes, vole guards, and trees we started the ascent. As it is a test for any leader to ensure that tea is brewed up in any location and in any weather the kettle, fuel, and teacups were also distributed and carted uphill.

We covered a large area and planted the aspen in grassy ground where the little available soil was concentrated. Aspen spreads by producing suckers—ramets—from mature roots and is a good pioneer species on exposed valley sides. Being very hard working and efficient we had planted most of the trees by lunchtime. After planting the remaining trees and descending the hill we visited the nearby Grey Mare’s Tail Waterfall. This was very impressive, but I was struck by the

complete lack of trees on the grassy steep valley sides. Some large chunks of land had collapsed into the river valley and this focused my mind on the importance of our earlier work.

After our walk we returned to the hall and Keith and Christine set about making dinner—commandeering everyone present to chop vegetables. The veggie



A puss moth.

lasagne was the best I have ever tasted and was followed by Guinness fruit cake baked by me—for the recipe see Issue 153. The sun and heat of the day had tired everyone and we all turned in early.

On Sunday we meet George at 10am. It was good to see that some local volunteers were to join us, including a father with two teenage sons. We set about planting some 150 oak above the river near the car park, so thankfully no steep climb this time. Stakes had already been hammered in pre-selected locations speeding up the planting process. When the task was complete we walked up the main path to a reconstructed sheep pen to have lunch. The weather was scorching and it was a real pleasure to be in such a beautiful spot.

After lunch we hammered in stakes for future planting near the sheep pen. We then walked up the valley and removed vole guards from mature trees. Spring was springing all around us. We saw tadpoles in puddles and a large puss moth on an oak tree. We reached a sheep pen/store with an amazing grass roof and George called an end to the workday as it was heatwave hot.

We made our way back to the car park and then the hall for tea and cake before setting off for the 'Big Smoke' that is Edinburgh. A great sunny weekend, one that felt more like a holiday than workdays! Thanks to all volunteers for their help—not least Willie for driving and Keith and Christine for catering.

Mark Herron

And thanks Mark for leading, writing this article and providing the photos—Ed.

Greg Milne's Butternut Squash, Chickpea and Spinach Curry

Thanks to Greg Milne for this fine recipe—Ed.

Notes:

This curry has been known to stick to the bottom of an unattended LCV pan so stir with vigilance in the absence of teflon unless you want to infuse the dish with an interesting smoky flavour. Serves an LCV ten.

Ingredients:

2 large butternut squash, peeled and diced with seeds scooped out
500g spinach chopped
3 tins chickpeas
3 tins tomatoes
2 tins coconut milk
5 cloves garlic, finely chopped
3 onions, finely chopped
2 large red chillies, seeds removed, finely chopped.
3 thumbs of ginger, peeled and finely chopped
Large bunch of chopped fresh coriander (exact amount not crucial)
4 tbsps (approx) sunflower oil for frying
2 lemons squeezed

Spices:

5 tsp cumin powder
5 tsp coriander powder
3 tsp turmeric
20 black peppercorns

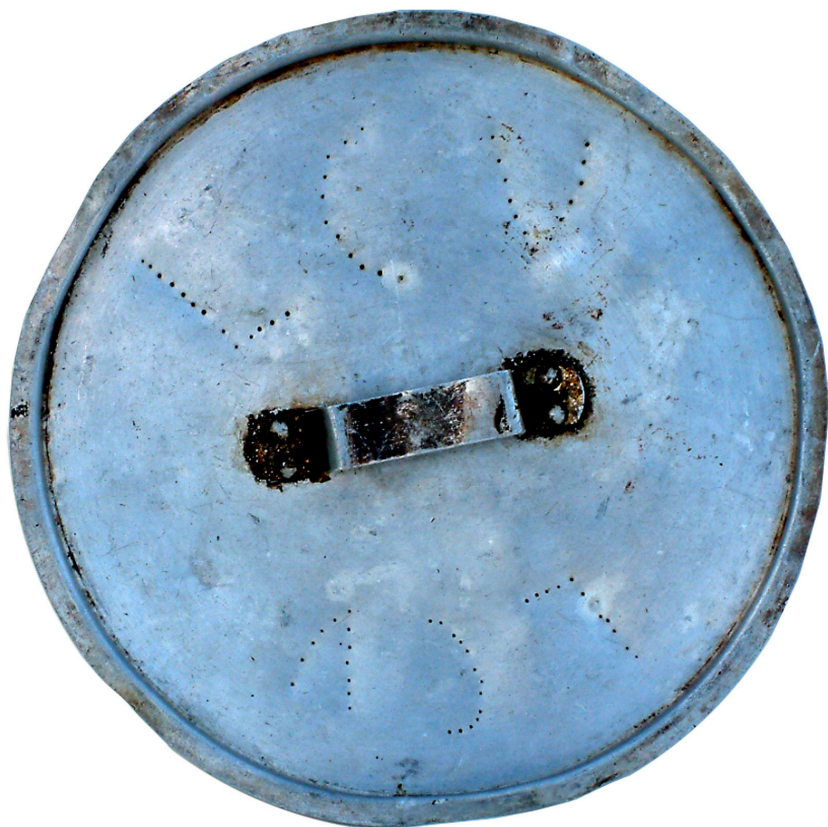
Method:

- 1 Grind the peppercorns in a pestle & mortar then mix in other spices.
- 2 Fry the onion until translucent over a medium heat in the oil.
- 3 Add the garlic, ginger and chilli and fry for a minute or so.
- 4 Add the spices and fry for a minute or so.
- 5 Add the butternut squash and coat in the ingredients in the pan. Cook for a couple of minutes.
- 6 Add the tomatoes and coconut milk, and cook for 10-15 minutes until the squash is cooked and you can push a fork through it.
- 7 Drain the chickpeas and add to the sauce. Also add the spinach.
- 8 When the spinach is wilted and the chickpeas are warmed through, add the coriander and the lemon juice: taste as you go with the lemon juice, you may not

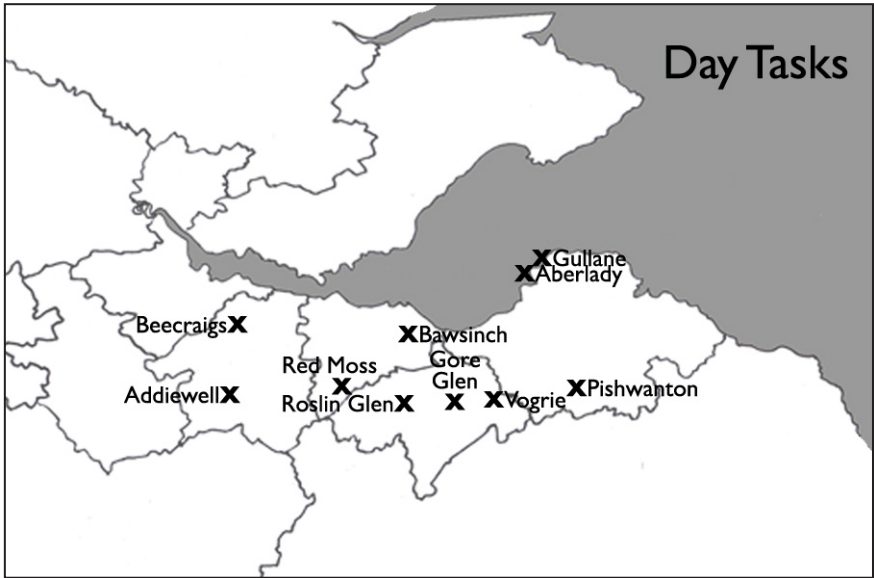
need all of it.

9 Salt to taste and serve with basmati rice and/or flatbreads.

If you are willing to share your vegetarian culinary secrets send a recipe—for ten—to the editor—contact details in the [Contact Us](#) section of the LCV website—and we'll pull one out of the pot for the next Mucker—Ed.



Task locations



LCV People

You will find contact details in the *Contact Us* section of the LCV website for the following LCV people:

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Co-ordinator

David Monaghan

Treasurer

Matt McCabe

Task Organiser

Debbie Tribak

Transport Secretary

Mark Herron

Membership Secretary

Ian Dickson

Leader/Driver Organiser

Martin Brownjohn

Publicity

Sarah McConachie

Social Organiser

Tony Irving

Tree Nursery

David Nutter

Webmaster

William McSporran

Minibus Officer

Peter Gilbert

Training Organiser

Ken Humphreys

Toolshed

Nicola Murray

Newsletter Editor

Simon Bonsall

Fundraiser

Conservation Tasks



June	Sun 19	Roslin Glen	Pathwork/tree thinning
	SAT 25	Gore Glen	Step construction
	Sun 26	Beecraigs Country Park	Path construction
July	Sun 3	Addiewell	Tree weeding
	9 – 16	Scone Residential	Pathwork plus
	SAT 23	Addiewell	Tree weeding
	Sun 24	Beecraigs Country Park	Path construction
	Sun 31	Pishwanton	TBC
August	Sun 7	Gullane Links	Pirri-pirri burr control
	Sun 14	Addiewell	Tree weeding
	Sun 21	Gore Glen	Broom control
	Sun 28	Bawsinch	Watercourse management
September	SAT 3	Vogrie Country Park	Meadow raking
	Sun 4	Pishwanton	TBC
	9 – 11	Taynish Residential	Meadow raking/birch pulling
	Sun 18	Red Moss	Birch pulling
	SAT 24	Bawsinch	Watercourse management
	Sun 25	Aberlady Bay	Sea buckthorn control

Other Events

July	Sat 2	10 a.m.	25 mile cycle ride
	Tues 12	7.30 p.m.	Monthly committee meeting
	Mon 11	7.45 p.m.	Pub Quiz at The Cumberland
August	Sat 6	1.30 – 4.30 p.m.	Guided walk at Holyrood Park
	Tues 9	7.30 p.m.	Monthly committee meeting
	Sat 13	6 p.m.	Party by the Pond
	Wed 24	7.30 p.m.	Festival night
September	Tues 13	7.30 p.m.	Monthly committee meeting
	Sat 17	6 p.m.	Skittles night at the Sheep Heid Inn
October	Tues 11	7.30 p.m.	Monthly committee meeting
	Sat 8	all day	Glentress mountain biking trip