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We are a Scottish Charity, Greetings and welcome to this, the first new format Puggled Mucker. If you have not been in on the discussions, and we've been doing the Mucker circulation has fallen dramatically in recent conservation work in and years as most members choose to get the information it around Edinburgh for over contains from the internet. For this reason LCV has decided to focus on online publishing and produce only an abbreviated Mucker for paper distribution. However, do not despair if you prefer paper: all the extra bits of the Mucker will now be published annually so you will not lose out.

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. Charity number SC020384

So, what has LCV been up to this summer? There has been a good turnout for tasks despite the usual holiday related dip and the summer residential was a great success. Mark Herron has passed his minibus driving test and we have successfully applied to Sinclair Knight Merz's Corporate Social Responsibility Scheme for funding for another minibus driving test and MIDAS. This has also allowed us to go ahead with a First Aid course and train 11 new LCV First Aiders.

Upcoming? Well we've got the usual range of tasks and socials and we must not forget the CEILIDH. This is LCV's biggest fundraising event of the year and the bigger the turnout the better, so see you all there!

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How to book and what to bring

Sunday 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, it's best to book early. We 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 confirm meeting point and arrival time. We don't cancel if it's raining. Before coming out with us 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 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 – £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. 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 St, off Broughton St. 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 and we often go for a drink in a local pub afterwards.

Conservation Tasks - see also www.lcv.org.uk

September	Sun 18	Red Moss	Birch pulling
	SAT 24	Bawsinch	Watercourse management
	Sun 25	Aberlady Bay	Sea buckthorn control
October	Sun 2	Pishwanton	TBC
	Sun 9	Easter Craiglockhart Hill	Meadow raking
	SAT 15	Vogrie Country Park	Pond work, construction
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	SAT 22	Vogrie Country Park	Boardwalk & path work
	Sun 23	Beebraigs Country Park	Path work
	Sun 30	Tyne Valley	TBC
November	Sun 6	Beebraigs Country Park	Path work
	SAT 12	Echline Community Woodland	Woodland maintenance
	Sun 13	Addiewell Bing	Tree planting, possibly felling
	Sun 20	Spottiswoode	Rhododendron & birch removal
	Sun 27	Beebraigs Country Park	Path work
December	Sun 4	Tyne Valley	TBC
	Sun 11	Addiewell Bing	Tree planting, possibly felling
	Sun 18	Bawsinch	Dogwood removal

Other events – see also www.lcv.org.uk

September	Sat 17	7pm	Skittles night, Sheep Heid Inn
October	Sat 8	All day	Glentress mountain biking trip
	Tues 11	7.30pm	Monthly committee meeting
	Sat 29	8pm	LCV ANNUAL CEILIDH
November	Tues 8	7.30pm	Monthly committee meeting
	Mon 21	7pm	Pub quiz
December	Tues 12	7.30pm	Monthly committee meeting
	Sun 18	8pm	Mulled wine & mince pies
	Tues 20	6.30pm	Christmas market