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

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There are signs of spring from my window here today so —touch wood—perhaps we have made it through this winter without sub-sub zero temperatures, snow drifts and multiple cancelled tasks. This is not to say that the weather has been entirely cooperative. The storms of the third of January caused a delay in work at Scone Palace on the New Year Resi and forced the rangers of Bee-craigs Country Park to postpone two tasks while they endeavoured to clear enough wind-blown trees from the many public footpaths to allow their re-opening and our safe access.

What else have we been up to? Well, Burn's Night was a highly successful event with nearly twenty people attending. David Nutter has been working hard creating LCV's new website. But don't panic! It should look very similar to the current website but with some improvements to the structure and navigation and, I'm told, much less work to do behind-the-scenes to keep it updated. Up-coming task bookings are healthy and I hope to see you on task soon.

The next pub quiz is almost upon us too: let's see if we can recover that top spot this time.

Louisa Martin, Co-ordinator



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: 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 so that we don't go without you. Early booking is recommended. We only have 12 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 of course 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. If you are under 18 you are welcome on task as long as you are accompanied by a parent or guardian, but you must be 16 to come in our bus. 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 welcome to the meeting; we often go for a drink in a local pub afterwards.

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Conservation Tasks: www.lcv.org.uk



March	SAT 17	Roslin Glen	Path work
	Sun 18	Roslin Glen	Path work
	Sun 25	Spottiswoode	Tree planting
April	Sun 1	Pishwanton	TBC
	Sun 8	Spottiswoode	Tree planting
	Sun 15	Pencreag Wood	Scrub clearance & pathwork
	Sun 22	Glen Wood	Woodland management
	Sun 29	North Berwick Law	Gorse/marsh management
May	4 - 6	Alness Residential	Fencing & owl box construction
	Sun 13	Beecraigs	Pathwork
	Sun 20	Pishwanton	TBC
	Sun 27	Beecraigs	Pathwork
June	Sun 3	Beecraigs	Pathwork
	SAT 9	Yellowcraigs	Piri-piri burr removal
	Sun 10	Easter Craiglockhart	Pond clearance & meadow raking
	Sun 17	Bawsinch	Pathwork
	Sun 24	Pishwanton	TBC



Other events: www.lcv.org.uk

March	Mon 26	7.30pm	Pub quiz at the Cumberland
April	Tues 10	7.30pm	Committee meeting / pub
	Sat 21	1.30pm	Holyrood park guided walk
May	Tues 8	7.30pm	Committee meeting / pub
	Sat 19	10am	Ormiston Yew bike ride
	Mon 28	7.30pm	Pub quiz at the Cumberland
June	Tues 12	7.30pm	Committee meeting / pub
	Fri 22	Time TBC	Beecraigs badger watch