

# Lothians Conservation Volunteers



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You never can tell what spring in Scotland will bring and this year has been no exception, with snow showers at Alness contrasting—only a few weeks later—with T-shirt weather at Beecraigs.

Tasks have been busy and have included trips to three new sites: two woodland sites in East Lothian and one much further afield at Alness, north of Inverness, where a substantial native woodland planting project is underway. On the social side there has been another glorious victory for the pub quiz team, ignominious result in the music round notwithstanding.

We have been along to the event run by the Botanic Garden for Biodiversity Week which was enjoyable, if rather quiet. Additionally, we've started to look at ways to keep tabs on our volunteer retention rate and the number of active leaders and drivers from year to year and to think about good ways to encourage new people to join the committee.

On that front, our AGM in May saw some changes. Ken Humreys, one of our longest-standing committee members in roles including Co-ordinator, Social Organiser and—latterly—Tools Officer has stepped down. Many thanks are due for his valuable contributions over the years. We welcome Helen Jones and Nicola Robson as the new Social Organiser and Membership Secretary respectively.

And finally, our new website will go live any day now, so—with luck—you can admire it as you read this!

*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 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 mention 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 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 usually go for a drink in a local pub afterwards.

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# Conservation Tasks: [www.lcv.org.uk](http://www.lcv.org.uk)



June	Sun 17	Bawsinch	Pathwork
	Sun 24	Pishwanton	TBC
July	Sun 1	Roslin Glen	Himalayan balsam control
	Sun 8	Leadburn	Conifer regrowth control
	Sun 15	Addiewell Bing	Tree weeding, path maintenance, bracken control
	<b>SAT 21</b>	Yellowcraigs	Piri-piri burr control
	Sun 22	Beebraigs	Path work (provisional)
	<b>Jul 28 – Aug 4</b>	Scone Palace Residential	TBC
	August	Sun 12	Addiewell Bing
Sun 19		Beebraigs	Path work (provisional)
Sun 26		Wooplaw Comm. Wood	Construction / birch control
September	<b>SAT 1</b>	Beebraigs	Pathwork (provisional)
	Sun 2	Beebraigs	Pathwork (provisional)
	<b>7 - 9</b>	Taynish Residential	Meadow raking / scrub control
	<b>SAT 15</b>	Bawsinch	Reedbed management
	Sun 16	Red Moss	Birch control
	Sun 23	Aberlady Bay	Sea Buckthorn control
	Sun 30	Pishwanton	TBC

## Other events: [www.lcv.org.uk](http://www.lcv.org.uk)

June	Fri 22	Time TBC	Beebraigs badger watch
July	Tues 10	7.30 pm	<b>Committee meeting &amp; pub</b>
	Sat 14	10 am	Jupiter Artland cycle & picnic
August	Mon 6	7.30 pm	Pub quiz at the Cumberland
	Tues 14	7.30 pm	<b>Committee meeting &amp; pub</b>
	Thurs 23	7.30 pm	Festival Fringe night
September	Sun 2	7.30 pm	Festival fireworks and drinks
	Tues 11	7.30 pm	<b>Committee meeting &amp; pub</b>
	Sat 22	1 pm	Doors Open Day event