

Lothians Conservation Volunteers



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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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Summer may have been late arriving this year, but it arrived in style for the summer resi at Scone Palace, contributing to a thoroughly successful week of rhodi bashing with a bit of random destruction thrown in for good measure. Day tasks have been running nicely as well with impressive turnouts for some of the historically quieter midsummer outings. Even if bad weather forced us to postpone a badger watching trip, socials have been successful with another good showing at the pub quiz and a most enjoyable festival trip. On the organisational front there's been progress on the website with a final colour scheme now in place and work afoot to get the members' mailing list sorted once and for all.

Unfortunately it hasn't been all good news with the death in July of one of LCV's most important founding members, Colin McLean. You can find memories of Colin in this year's Annual Review and on our website. At ninety-one, and following a life well and truly lived, there are many positive tales and it was great to see so many LCVers, both past and present, at his recent memorial service. There would seem to be no better way to keep Colin's memory alive than to get out there and keep doing what we do best!

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 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.

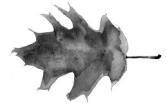
Regardless of the time of year, bring a complete change of clothing so that you can get out of your work clothes in the evening. Remember that the weather can be very changeable, so bring a warm jumper and hat and above all don't forget a waterproof jacket and trousers and sturdy footwear. A water bottle 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 – £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 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 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; we usually go for a drink in a local pub afterwards.

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Conservation Tasks: www.lcv.org.uk

September	SAT 15	Bawsinch	Reedbed management
	Sun 16	Red Moss	Birch control
	Sun 23	Aberlady Bay	Sea buckthorn control
	Sun 30	Pishwanton	TBC
October	Sun 7	Vogrie	Meadow raking
	Sun 14	Craiglockhart	Meadow raking
	SAT 20	Vogrie	TBC
	Sun 21	Bawsinch	Snowberry / dogwood control
	SAT 27	Pishwanton	TBC
	Sun 28	North Berwick Law	TBC
November	SAT 3	Echline Comm. Wood	Bindweed / bramble control
	Sun 4	Roslin	TBC
	SAT 10	Roslin	TBC
	Sun 11	Ormiston Wood	Woodland maintenance
	Sun 18	Spottiswoode	Tree planting
	Sun 25	Addiewell	Tree planting / felling
	December	SAT 1	Roslin
	Sun 2	Bawsinch	Dogwood / snowberry control
	Sun 9	Addiewell	Tree planting / felling
	SAT 15	Aberlady Bay	Sea buckthorn control
	Sun 16	Spottiswoode	Tree planting
	Sun 23	Ormiston Wood	Woodland management



Other events: www.lcv.org.uk

September	Sat 22	1 pm	Doors Open Day event
	Fri 28	6.30 pm	Bee Craigs badger watch
October	Tues 9	7.30 pm	Committee meeting & pub
	Thurs 11	7.30 pm	SWT talk: Pentlands
	Mon 22	7.30 pm	Pub quiz at the Cumberland
November	Sat 10	8 pm – midnight	LCV CEILIDH
	Tues 13	7.30 pm	Committee meeting & pub
	Thurs 15	7.30 pm	SWT Talk: Water of Leith
December	Thurs 6	7.30 pm	German Christmas Market
	Tues 11	7.30 pm	Committee meeting & pub
	Sun 23	8 pm	Mulled wine & mince pies
January	Tues 17	TBC	Kings Theatre Panto trip