

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.

We belong to TCV 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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Well, the nights are drawing in but volunteer enthusiasm has hardly diminished with full buses on many recent tasks.

For those who prefer their fun indoors at this chilly time of year there have also been some fine social events: we came second in the pub quiz recently and had a great night at the ceilidh.

The annual fundraising ceilidh raises a lot of the money we need to pay for the insurance, training, fuel and equipment that is necessary to take people on tasks. Thankfully, this year's ceilidh was very well supported and made a healthy profit. An enormous amount of work goes into the ceilidh and so many thanks to all those who printed, postered, flyered, invited friends, donated raffle prizes, helped out on the night, or just came along and had fun. Particular thanks to Simon for holding together the organisational strings in the face of extreme provocation from his day job!

In communication-related news LCV's electronic mailing lists are now live and, despite a few misspelled addresses, the newsletter should now be back to the near total member coverage it achieved in the pre-internet days.

If you know any LCV members who are not getting these messages then please let us know and we can double check the email addresses we have on record.

Louisa Martin, Co-ordinator





How to book and what to bring

Saturday and 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 Street off Broughton Street. 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



December	SAT 15	Aberlady Bay	Sea buckthorn control
	Sun 16	Spottiswoode	Tree planting
	Sun 23	Ormiston Wood	Woodland management
	28 Dec - 2 Jan	Scone Palace	Rhododendron clearance
January	Sun 6	Bawsinch	TBC
	Sun 13	Roslin Glen	Woodland work / path work
	Sun 20	Beecraigs	Pathwork
	Sun 27	Gore Glen	Broom clearance
February	Sun 3	Beecraigs	Pathwork
	SAT 9	Roslin Glen	Woodland work / path work
	Sun 10	Roslin Glen	Woodland work / path work
	Sun 17	Ormiston Wood	TBC
	Sun 24	Gore Glen	Tree planting / broom clearance
March	Sun 3	Beecraigs	Pathwork
	Sun 10	Roslin Glen	Woodland work / path work
	Sun 17	Addiewell	Tree planting
	Sun 24	Ormiston Wood	TBC
	Sun 31	Bawsinch	TBC

Other events: www.lcv.org.uk

December	Sun 23	8 pm	Mulled wine & mince pies
January	Tues 8	7.30 pm	Committee meeting / pub
	Thurs 17	7 pm	King's Theatre pantomime
	Sat 26	TBC	Burns Supper
February	Tues 12	7.30 pm	Committee meeting / pub
	Thurs 14	7.30 pm	SWT talk: Caerlaverock
	Mon 25	7.30 pm	Cumberland pub quiz
March	Tues 12	7.30 pm	Committee meeting / pub
	Thurs 14	7.30 pm	SWT talk: Breadalbane alpiners
	Tues 19	6 pm	Dr Livingstone talk