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I ended my last set of Coordinator's comments with 'Roll on spring!' - a phrase which now seems strangely inappropriate as within weeks of writing it I found that I was being sent to Malaysia by my employer. Here the weather is altogether warmer—though no drier—than is ever the case in Scotland.

Luckily there are plenty of people to keep things running without me just as smoothly as they ever run when I'm around (more so, probably) and so—although I'm a wee bit out of touch—I'm still able to report that LCV has had a successful quarter with the usual mix of tasks and social events.

The recent AGM saw some changes to the committee with Partha Lal and Rachael Taggart joining us to fill the posts vacated by Ian Dickson and Helen Jones. Many thanks go to Helen, Ian and the returning committee members for all their efforts. Welcome to Rachael and Partha.

The updated constitution that was promised last quarter has been delayed due to my temporary relocation. However, it will be something to look forward to later this year.

Another highlight will be the summer resi at Moine Mhor National Nature Reserve, one of LCV's favourite locations in Argyll. Places are filling up fast, so make sure to sign up soon if you want to join us there.

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 am prompt—look out for our white minibus. We normally aim to return around 5.30 pm. Bring a sun 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 pm 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

June	Sun 16	Easter Craiglockhart Hill	Meadow raking
	Sun 23	Beecraigs Country Park	Pathwork
	Sun 30	Yellowcraig	Piri piri control
July	Sun 7	Pishwanton	TBC
	SAT 13	Roslin Glen	Habitat control, pathwork
	Sun 14	Beecraigs Country Park	Pathwork
	Sun 21	Addiewell Bing	Tree weeding, pathwork
	Jul 28 – Aug 3	Moine Mhor residential	Scrub clearance
August	Sun 11	Addiewell Bing	Tree weeding, pathwork
	Sun 18	Beecraigs Country Park	Pathwork
	Sun 25	Leadburn community wood	Raised bog management
September	Sun 1	Beecraigs Country Park	Pathwork
	Sun 8	Red Moss	Birch control
	Sun 15	Ormiston wood	Woodland management
	SAT 21	Roslin Glen	Himalayam balsam control
	Sun 22	Bawsinch	Reedbed management
	Sun 29	Vogrie	Meadow raking



Social events

July	Sat 6	10 am	Cycle ride
	Tue 9	7.30 pm	Committee meeting / pub
	Mon 22	7.30 pm	Cumberland Bar pub quiz
August	Thur 8	8.45 pm	Blackford pond bat watch
	Tue 13	7.30 pm	Committee meeting / pub
	Mon 19	7 pm	Festival night
September	Sun 1	7.30 pm	Festival fireworks / drinks
	Tue 10	7.30 pm	Committee meeting / pub

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