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Well, I'm pleased to report that to nobody's surprise LCV has survived my absence with no ill-effects whatsoever. The new committee has settled down nicely and it is full steam ahead for the ever-busy autumn quarter.

So, what has happened while I've been away? Well there has been the usual programme of well-attended tasks, including an opportunity to spend a week in Argyll's National Nature Reserves and spot newts, lizards and even beavers on the Summer Resi. There have also been a range of successful social events—including the dizzy heights of first AND second place in the pub quiz.

In other interesting news, Colin McLean—one of LCV's most important founding members whose sad death we reported this time last year—has generously left LCV a legacy. We're keen to consider all options in order to make best use of this and so will be giving all members the opportunity to participate in the decision-making process over the next several months.

Also, the promised revision to our outdated constitution is finally underway with our Treasurer, David Monaghan, recently preparing an initial draft.

All in all, there are exciting times ahead and I'm glad to be back!

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 9.30am prompt—look out for our white minibus. We normally aim to return around 5.30pm. 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 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

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September	Sun 15	Ormiston Wood	Woodland management
	SAT 21	Roslin Glen	Himalayan balsam control
	Sun 22	Bawsinch	Reedbed management
	Sun 29	Vogrie Country Park	Meadow raking
October	Sun 6	Easter Craiglockhart Hill	Meadow raking
	SAT 12	Aberlady Bay	Sea buckthorn control
	Sun 13	Vogrie Country Park	Pond clearance
	Sun 20	Traprain Law	Ragwort removal
	Sun 27	North Berwick Law	Ragwort removal
November	SAT 2	Roslin Glen	Tree planting and aftercare
	Sun 3	Roslin Glen	Tree planting and aftercare
	Sun 10	Pishwanton	TBC
	Sun 17	Spottiswoode	Birch thinning
	Sun 24	Bawsinch	Dogwood removal
December	Sun 1	Roslin Glen	Tree aftercare / path work
	Sun 8	Bawsinch	Dogwood removal
	Sun 15	Pishwanton	TBC
	Sun 22	Bawsinch	Dogwood removal
	Sun 29	Midlothian sites	TBC
	Mon 30	Midlothian sites	TBC
January	Thurs 2	Midlothian sites	TBC



Social events

October	Tues 8	7.30pm	Committee meeting / pub
	Thurs 10	7.30pm	SWT talk: Wildlife crime
	Mon 21	6.30pm	Brass Monkey pub quiz
November	Sat 9	8pm - midnight	LCV CEILIDH
	Tues 12	7.30pm	Committee meeting / pub
December	Tues 10	7.30pm	Committee meeting / pub
	Mon 16	7pm	German Christmas market
	Sun 22	7.30pm	Mulled wine and mince pies
January	Sat 18	Afternoon / evening	Colin McLean's legacy event