

Conservation tasks

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December	Sun 15	Pishwanton	TBC
	Sun 22	Bawsinch	Dogwood removal
	Sun 29	Vogrie Country Park	Cutting and burning
January	Mon 30	Gore Glen	Path clearance
	Thur 2	Roslin Glen	Cutting and burning
	Sun 5	Pishwanton	TBC
	Sun 12	Roslin Glen	Tree planting / pathwork
	Sun 19	Holyrood Park	Gorse management
	Sun 26	Pishwanton	TBC
	Fri 31 Jan – Sun 2 Feb	Taynish residential	Beech pulling
February	Sun 9	Roslin Glen	Tree planting / aftercare
	Sun 16	Spottiswoode	Brash burning / birch thinning
	Sun 23	Bawsinch	Dogwood & snowberry removal
March	SAT 1	Gullane	Sea buckthorn clearance
	Sun 2	Beechraigs Country Park	Pathwork
	Sun 9	Holyrood Park	Gorse management
	Sun 16	Penicuik - Dalkeith Walkway	Pathwork / tree clearance
	SAT 22	Addiewell Bing	Tree planting
	Sun 23	Spottiswoode	Brash burning / birch thinning
	Sun 30	Beechraigs Country Park	Pathwork

Social events

December	Mon 16	7pm	German Christmas market
	Sun 22	7.30pm	Mulled wine and mince pies
January	Tues 14	7.30pm	Committee meeting / pub
	Sat 18	2pm – 11pm	Colin McLean's legacy event
February	Tues 11	7.30pm	Committee meeting / pub
	Thurs 13	7.30pm	SWT talk: Saints & seagulls
March	Tues 11	7.30pm	Committee meeting / pub
	Thurs 13	7.30pm	SWT talk: Ash dieback
	Mon 24	7.30pm	Cumberland Bar pub quiz



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Depending on your point of view either the weather has turned properly seasonal or the big freeze has arrived. However, surely we can all agree that the trees have put on a very fine show this autumn with many of LCV's favourite sites showing a splendid range of reds, yellows and browns, beautifully set off by some surprisingly blue skies.

A particular favourite of mine was the chance to see scythes in action at Roslin Glen as we helped Alan the Ranger to spread his wildflower meadows into new areas. Two less frequently visited sites in East Lothian—Traprain Law and North Berwick Law—also offered an interesting look at some new techniques and types of habitat.

The SWT talk on wildlife crime was excellent and the ceilidh was most enjoyable, making a small profit.

Upcoming tasks are looking exciting and the traditional Christmas Market trip and mulled wine and mince pie night are coming up so there will be lots of chances to enjoy the city and its surroundings at their wintry best. Three day tasks over New Year will even give you all the chance to work off those excess Christmas treats!

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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