

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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Having spent much of the last week lurking on my sofa battling an unpleasant bug, I have had plenty of time to consider what it is that I like about going out with LCV. So, here goes:

1. The weather's never as bad as it looks from inside. And anyway, there's no such thing as bad weather, only the wrong clothes.
2. Very few things can cheer you up as much as fresh air, exercise and the sight of some greenery.
3. All good things involve free tea and biscuits. And tea tastes better when it's been a battle to make it.
4. The least attractive bit of scrubby grassland can hide the most surprising things if you know where to look.
5. LCVers are great people. Whether it's reacting cheerfully to the nocturnal ramblings of neighbouring hostellers or failing to be daunted by the sight of snow, LCVers have a refreshing enthusiasm for giving each other a helping hand and getting stuck in regardless.

There you have it. I like LCV people. I think they do great things and that the coming quarter will be no exception. Let's have some fun!

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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March	Sun 16	Penicuik - Dalkeith Walkway	Pathwork / tree clearance
	SAT 22	Addiewell Bing	Tree planting
	Sun 23	Spottiswoode	Brash burning / birch thinning
April	Sun 30	Beebraigs Country Park	Pathwork
	Sun 6	Beebraigs Country Park or Easter Inch Moss	Pathwork / TBC
	Sun 13	Murieston Pond	Pondwork
	Sun 20	Beebraigs Country Park or Easter Inch Moss	Pathwork / TBC
	SAT 26	Roslin Glen Country Park	Meadow raking / woodland & path management
	Sun 27	Roslin Glen Country Park	Meadow raking / woodland & path management
May	Sun 4	Donald Rose Wood	Tree maintenance / wildflower meadow-seeding
	Sun 11	Holyrood Park	Himalayan balsam control
	Sun 18	Traprain Law	Ragwort control
	Sun 25	Beebraigs Country Park or Easter Inch Moss	Pathwork / TBC
	June	Sun 1	Vogrie Country Park
SAT 7		Easter Craiglockhart Hill	Meadow raking / pondwork
Sun 8		Traprain Law	Ragwort control
Sun 15		Holyrood Park	Himalayan balsam control
Sun 22		Beebraigs Country Park or Easter Inch Moss	Pathwork / TBC
Sun 29		Beebraigs Country Park or Easter Inch Moss	Pathwork / TBC

Social events

March	Thurs 13	7.30pm	SWT talk: Ash dieback
	Mon 24	7.30pm	Cumberland Bar pub quiz
April	Tues 8	7.30pm	Committee meeting / pub
	Mon 21	6.30pm	Brass Monkey pub quiz
May	Tues 13	7.30pm	AGM / pub
	TBC	TBC	Seafield Recycling Centre tour
June	Tues 10	7.30pm	Committee meeting / pub
	Sat 14	12 noon	Summer BBQ at Johnston Terrace Garden