

# 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 grants from organisations like Scottish Wildlife Trust and Scottish Natural Heritage.*

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The new LCV year begins with a new committee line-up with Louisa Martin standing down after five fruitful years as Co-ordinator to move into the role of Membership Secretary, Sarah McConachie retiring after serving for many years in a number of roles, and Rachael Taggart vacating the post of Social Secretary — if you'd be interested in replacing her do get in touch — we also welcome back Mark Herron as Tools Officer. Thanks to everyone for their sterling work over the last twelve months.

We've had an eventful year work-wise with a mixture of old and new sites and a successful week's resi at Taynish. In total we carried out 60 tasks which was fractionally down on the year before due to there being fewer Saturday tasks in the schedule. The average number of volunteers per task was a steady 9.8 and both recruitment and retention of new volunteers was healthy. Our finances also remain buoyant with — fingers crossed — no major expenditure on the horizon.

The LCV social programme has been vibrant too, a highlight being a special event for members, former members and friends of LCV to share ideas on how best we can use the legacy left to us by Colin McLean. The day resulted in a fruitful and interesting discussion, rounded off with some stellar skittles action at the Sheep Heid Inn.

Thankfully the tramworks have had no effect on us using St Andrew Square as a pick up point, and now that the trams are operational they might even prove helpful to volunteers on task days.

*William McSporran, Co-ordinator*



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# **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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## **Newsgroup**

To join our newsgroup send an email to [webmaster@lcv.org.uk](mailto:webmaster@lcv.org.uk).

Full details at [www.lcv.org.uk](http://www.lcv.org.uk)

You can also find us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/LothiansConservationVolunteers](http://www.facebook.com/LothiansConservationVolunteers)

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## Conservation tasks

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June	Sun 15	Holyrood Park	Himalayan balsam control
	Sun 22	Beecraigs Country Park or Easter Inch Moss	Pathwork / TBC
	Sun 29	Beecraigs Country Park or Easter Inch Moss	Pathwork / TBC
July	Sun 6	Addiewell Bing	Tree weeding & path clearance
	<b>SAT 12</b>	Yellowcraig	Pirri Pirri bur removal
	Sun 13 to Fri 18	Taynish/Moine Mhor Residential	Scrub clearance
	Sun 20	Beecraigs Country Park	Pathwork
	Sun 27	Roslin Glen Country Park	Tree maintenance
August	Sun 3	Pishwanton	TBC
	Sun 10	Beecraigs Country Park	Pathwork
	Sun 17	Addiewell Bing	Tree weeding and path clearance
	<b>SAT 23</b>	Bawsinch/Murder Acre	Gorse clearance
	Sun 24	Leadburn Community Woodland	Bog maintenance
	Sun 31	Holyrood Park	Gorse management
	September	<b>SAT 6</b>	Easter Inch Moss
Sun 7		Easter Inch Moss	Birch clearance
Sun 14		Bawsinch	Reedbed management
Sun 21		Pishwanton	TBC
Sun 28		Vogrie Country Park	Meadow raking

## Social events



June	Sat 14	12 noon	Summer BBQ at Johnston Terrace Garden
July	Tue 8	7.30pm	<b>Committee meeting / pub</b>
	Mon 21	7.30pm	Cumberland Bar pub quiz
August	Tue 12	7.30pm	<b>Committee meeting / pub</b>
	TBC	TBC	Fringe night
	Sun 31	7.30pm	Festival fireworks
September	Tue 9	7.30pm	<b>Committee meeting / pub</b>
	Tue 23	TBC	Cinema night