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and we've been doing
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around Edinburgh for over
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Hello,

As I write this the long, sunny summer fades into a memory and we enter the season of mellow fruitfulness with another action-filled programme to keep us busy in the run up to the year's end.

We've had an enjoyable summer which has included a return trip to Tainish for a wonderful week in July, many successful Saturday and Sunday tasks and an entertaining social programme which encompassed the Edinburgh Fringe Festival and a pub quiz (fourth place).

Unfortunately, we are currently without an official Social Organiser. If you are interested in taking on this interesting role and planning fun things for us to do when we're not out on task, please contact me for further details (coordinator@lcv.org.uk).

William McSparran, 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 28	Vogrie Country Park	Meadow raking
October	Sun 5	Red Moss	Birch thinning
	Sat 11	Aberlady Bay	Sea buckthorn removal
	Sun 12	Easter Craiglockhart Hill	Meadow raking
	Sun 19	Bawsinch & Murder Acre	Tree/reedbed management
	Sat 25	Pishwanton	TBC
November	Sun 26	Roslin Glen	Meadow management
	Sat 1	Currie High School & Community Woodland	Woodland maintenance & litter pick
	Sun 2	North Berwick Law	Ragwort control
	Sat 8	Roslin Glen	Boardwalk/pathwork
	Sun 9	Roslin Glen	Boardwalk/pathwork
	Sat 15	Bawsinch & Murder Acre	Tree/reedbed management
	Sun 16	Spottiswoode	Brash clearance
	Sat 22	Pishwanton	TBC
	Sun 23	Holyrood Park	Gorse management
	Sun 30	Holyrood Park	Gorse management
December	Sun 7	Roslin Glen	Woodland management
	Sun 14	Spottiswoode	Brash clearance
	Sun 21	Bawsinch & Murder Acre	Tree/reedbed management
	Sat 27	Vogrie Country Park	TBC
	Sun 28	Vogrie Country Park	TBC
January	Fri 2	Vogrie Country Park	TBC

Social events

September	Tue 23, 6pm	Cinema night
	Thur 25, 7.30pm	RGBE event: Scotland's Wild Harvest
October	Tue 14, 7.30pm	Committee meeting & pub
	Mon 20, 6.30pm (7pm quiz)	Pub Quiz at the Brass Monkey
November	Tue 11, 7.30pm	Committee meeting & pub
December	Tue 9, 7.30pm	Committee meeting & pub
	Thur 11, 6.30pm	Christmas Market
	Sun 21, 7.30pm	Mulled wine and mice pies