

# 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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Hello,

As I write this, winter is increasing its dark and gloomy grip but, thankfully, the solstice is within reach.

As you may remember, back in January we had a day of discussing the legacy generously gifted to LCV by Colin McLean. We are now in a position to utilise a portion of this for a series of tasks in conjunction with Scottish Wildlife Trust, beginning in early 2015. You will see these tasks listed as *Legacy Funded* on the task list.

Our original 1970s constitution is in the final stages of being replaced with a version suitable for the 21st century, subject to membership consultation—thanks to everyone who has offered feedback about this.

We are still without a Social Organiser, so if you'd like to have a go at this enjoyable job please contact me—you can find my contact details overleaf.

I would like to thank everyone for their hard work in 2014. Here's to a bumper 2015.

*William McSporran, 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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## **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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December	<b>Sat 27</b>	Vogrie Country Park	TBC	
	<b>Sun 28</b>	Vogrie Country Park	TBC	
January	<b>Fri 2</b>	Vogrie Country Park	TBC	
	Sun 4	Ormiston	Tree planting	
	<b>Sat 10</b>	Easter Inch Moss	Birch clearance / dam building	
	Sun 11	Roslin Glen	Path work & woodland management	
	<b>Sat 17</b>	Beecraigs	Path & boardwalk work	
	Sun 18	Straiton Pond	Invasive species control	
	Sun 25	Holyrood Park	Gorse control	
	<b>Sat 31</b>	Roslin Glen	Path work & woodland management	
	February	Sun 1	Roslin Glen	Tree planting
		<b>Sat 7</b>	Murder Acre	Gorse clearance
Sun 8		Spottiswoode	Brash burning	
<b>Sat 14</b>		Beecraigs	Path & boardwalk work	
Sun 15		Howden Path	Hedge planting	
<b>Sat 21</b>		Murieston/Campbridge Pond	Rhododendron removal	
Sun 22		Easter Inch Moss	Birch clearance / dam building	
<b>Fri 27- Sun 1</b>		Carstramon Wood ( <i>Legacy Funded</i> )	TBC	
March		Sun 8	Spottiswoode	Brash burning
		<b>Sat 14</b>	Beecraigs	Path & boardwalk work
	Sun 15	Holyrood Park	Gorse control	
	<b>Sat 21</b>	Easter Inch Moss	Birch clearance / dam building	
	Sun 22	Donald Rose Wood	Wildflower meadow creation	
	Sun 29	Pishwanton	TBC	
April	<b>Sun 5</b>	Ormiston Wood	Tree planting	

## Social events

January	Tue 13, 7.30pm	<b>Committee meeting &amp; pub</b>
	Mon 19, 7.30pm	Pub Quiz at the Cumberland
February	Tue 10, 7.30pm	<b>Committee meeting &amp; pub</b>
	Thurs 12, 7.30pm	SWT talk: Gardening for bees, butterflies & bugs
	Sat 14, 7pm	Valentine Ceilidh in support of Friends of the Earth Scotland
March	Tue 10, 7.30pm	<b>Committee meeting &amp; pub</b>
	Sat 28, 10am	Walk (part of) the John Muir Way

