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

As you read this, winter should be over and spring will be springing. We begin another LCV season having completed a packed and productive winter with visits to established sites and some new places too.

This quarter sees our AGM, taking place at 7.30pm on Tuesday 12 May, where all of our committee posts will be up for election. If you would like to play a more active role in LCV by joining the committee you can find a full list of posts and what they involve on our website (www.lcv.org.uk/docs/jobdesc.html). If you fancy taking up one of these posts please contact me – you can find my details overleaf.

William McSporrán, 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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You can also find us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/LothiansConservationVolunteers



Conservation tasks www.lcv.org.uk

March	Sat 21	Easter Inch Moss	Birch clearance / dam building
	Sun 22	Donald Rose Wood	Wildflower meadow creation
	Sun 29	Pishwanton	tbc
April	Sun 5	Ormiston Wood	Tree planting
	Sat 11	Roslin Glen	Woodland management
	Sun 12	Roslin Glen	Woodland management
	Sun 19	Traprain Law	Ragwort control
	Sun 26	Beebraigs (tbc)	tbc
	May	Sun 3	Holyrood Park
Sun 10		Traprain Law	Ragwort control
Sat 16		Roslin Glen	Woodland management
Sun 17		Beebraigs (tbc)	tbc
Sun 24		Beebraigs (tbc)	tbc
June		Sun 31	Vogrie
	Sat 6	Holyrood Park	Himalayan balsam removal
	Sun 7	Easter Craiglockhart	Meadow management
	Sun 14	Pishwanton	Woodland management
	Sat 20	Currie Community Woodland	Woodland/burn maintenance
	Sun 21	Beebraigs (tbc)	tbc
	Sun 28	Pishwanton	Woodland management

Social events

March	Sat 28, 10am	Walk (part of) the John Muir Way
April	Sat 4, 7pm	Science Festival event 'Crop Circle' at the Botanics
	Tue 14, 7.30pm	Committee meeting & pub
May	Tue 12, 7.30pm	AGM & Pub
	Mon 18, 6.30pm (7pm quiz)	Pub Quiz at the Brass Monkey
June	Tue 9, 7.30pm	Committee meeting & pub

