### **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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Hello,

As you read this we begin another LCV year following another busy productive season.

We recently held our AGM where the only committee change was the standing down of Martin Brownjohn after a long and valiant stint as publicity officer. Unfortunately we have so far been unable to replace Martin, so if this post interests you please contact me as this is a key position for the future success of LCV. You can find my contact details overleaf.

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  $\pounds 8 - \pounds 10$  each. Pickup 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. Full details at www.lcv.org.uk

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



# Conservation tasks \*\* www.lcv.org.uk

| June   | Sun 21        | Beecraigs (tbc)          |                                    | tbc                            |
|--------|---------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
|        | Sun 28        | Pishwanton               |                                    | Woodland management            |
| July   | Sun 5         | Addiewell Bing           |                                    | Tree weeding                   |
|        | Sun 12        | Holyrood Park            |                                    | Himalayan balsam removal       |
|        | Sun 19        | North Berwick Law        |                                    | Ragwort Removal                |
|        | Sun 26 -      | Taynish/Moine Mohr resi  | idential                           | Scrub/bracken control          |
| Aug    | Sun 2         | Yellowcraigs             |                                    | Pirri-pirri bur removal        |
|        | Sun 9         | Addiewell Bing           |                                    | Tree weeding/path clearance    |
|        | Sun 16        | Yellowcraigs             |                                    | Pirri-pirri bur removal        |
|        | <b>Sat 22</b> | Roslin Glen              |                                    | Path/boardwalk construction    |
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|        | <b>Sat 29</b> | Little Boghead Nature Pa | ark                                | Scrub & pond clearance, meadow |
|        | Sun 30        | Leadburn                 |                                    | Bog management                 |
| Sept   | Sat 5         | Little Boghead Nature Pa | ark                                | Scrub & pond clearance, meadow |
|        | Sun 6         | Pishwanton               |                                    | tbc                            |
|        | Sat 12        | Easter Inch Moss         |                                    | Birch clearing                 |
|        | Sun 13        | Bawsinch                 |                                    | Dogwood removal                |
|        | Sat 19        | Little Boghead Nature Pa | ark                                | Scrub & pond clearance, meadow |
|        | Sun 20        | Roslin Glen              |                                    | Path construction              |
|        | Sat 26        | Vogrie                   |                                    | Meadow raking                  |
|        | Sun 27        | Red Moss                 |                                    | Birch pulling                  |
| Oct    | Sun 4         | Holyrood Park            |                                    | Gorse cutting                  |
| Social | even          | ts                       |                                    |                                |
| June   | Sat 27th 10am |                          | Cycle to Kelpies and Falkirk Wheel |                                |

July

Tue 14th 7:30pm

Committee meeting & pub

Tue 11th 7:30pm

Committee meeting & pub

Thu 20th time TBC

Sept

Tue 8th 7:30pm

Committee meeting & pub

Festival Night

Committee meeting & pub

Pub quiz at the Brass Monkey