

# Lothians Conservation Volunteers

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Spring has sprung as we enter a new LCV quarter.

It is the end of an era with David Monaghan standing down as Treasurer after many years valiant service in this and other roles. We wish him good luck in his future endeavours and thank him for everything he has done over the years.

Simon Bonsall is also standing down, so we also wish him the best for the future and extend thanks for his committee work through the years.

It is the AGM in May, so if anyone is interested in a committee post please contact me.

*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 caps are 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 to £10 each. Pick-up is from St Andrew Square at 7.30pm 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.

# LCV Contacts

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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)

## Conservation Tasks



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Mar	Sun 20	Spottiswoode	Tree planting
	Sat 26	Ravencraig wood	Pond and pathwork
	Sun 27	Roslin Glen	Pathwork and meadow management
April	Sun 3	Spottiswoode	Tree planting
	Sun 10	Gore Glen Woodland Park	Broom clearance
	Sun 17	Penicuik Dalkeith Walkway	Pond work
	Sun 24	Falls of Clyde	Path work
May	Sun 1	Ormiston Wood	TBC
	Sun 8	LCV toolshed	Toolshed maintenance task
	Sun 15	Black Moss	Woodland management
	Sun 22	Holyrood Park	Himalayan balsam control
	Sun 29	Ravencraig wood	Woodland management
June	Sun 5	Easter Craiglockhart Hill	Meadow raking
	Sun 12	Holyrood Park	Himalayan Balsam control
	Sun 19	Roslin Glen	Bank stabilisation and Himalayan Balsam removal
	Sun 26	Traprain Law	Ragwort Removal

## Social Events

April	Tues 12, 7.30pm	Committee meeting & pub
	Thus 21, 7.30pm	SWT talk: Bawsinch and Duddingston Loch SWT Nature Reserve & AGM
May	Tues 10, 7.30pm	Committee meeting & pub
June,	Tues 14, 7.30pm	Committee meeting & pub
	Tues 27, 6.30pm	Bouldering at Alien Rock Two
	Sat 13, 10:30am	Aberlady Bay Reserve walk with SWT
	Mon 13, 6.30pm	Pub quiz at the Brass Monkey