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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 again,

We are now heading into the heart of the summer as another interesting quarter begins for us. Notably, we will soon be revisiting the Tainish area for our annual summer resi pilgrimage. In other news, though we are still looking for more committee members, I would like to welcome Heili and Jackie to the committee, as Fundraiser and Leader/Driver Organiser respectively.

Also this quarter we plan to apply to convert LCV from its existing constitutional form as an Unincorporated Association to a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO).

This will have absolutely no impact whatsoever on what you, as members, or as clients, experience from us. However by changing the way we're set up it makes it easier to administer the group and it substantially reduces the personal risk that trustees take on when they join the committee.

In consultation with our members we agreed a constitution for the new SCIO last year (ask if you would like to see a copy) and the decision to submit the application will be discussed, and hopefully agreed, at the Committee meeting on August 9th. All members are welcome to attend, or to submit comments or queries in advance.

If you have any questions or concerns don't hesitate to ask me, or any other member of the LCV Committee.

William McSpornan, 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. Pickup 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.

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Like us on **Facebook**: www.facebook.com/LothiansConservationVolunteers

Follow us on **Instagram**:

<https://www.instagram.com/lothiansconservationvolunteers>

Join our Yahoo **Newsgroup**: to join our newsgroup, lcvnews, send an email to webmaster@lcv.org.uk

Upcoming events

For more details on any event check out our website: www.lcv.org.uk

Conservation tasks

July	Sun 3	Yellowcraigs	Pirri-pirri burr control
	Sat 9	North Berwick Law	Ragwort control
	Sun 10	Addiewell Bing	Tree weeding and path clearance
	Sun 17	Traprain Law	Ragwort control
	Sun 24	Holyrood Park	Himalayan Balsam removal
	Sun 31	Addiewell Bing	Tree weeding and path clearance
August	Sun 7-	Taynish /Moine	TBC
	Sun 14	Mhor NNR	
	Sun 21	Pishwanton	TBC
	Sun 28	Beecraigs CP	Pathwork
September	Sun 4	Beecraigs CP	Pathwork
	Sat 10	Straiton Pond	Pond work (reed clearance)
	Sun 11	Holyrood Park	Gorse cutting
	Sun 18	Easter Inch Moss	Scrub clearance
	Sat 24	Roslin Glen	Step and pathwork
	Sun 25	Easter Inch Moss	Scrub clearance
October	Sun 2	Red Moss	Birch pulling
	Sun 9	E. Craiglockhart Hill	Meadow raking

Social events

July	Tue 12, 7.30pm	Committee meeting followed by pub trip
	Mon 18, 6.30pm	Pub quiz at the Brass Monkey, Leith Walk
August	Tue 9, 7.30pm	Committee meeting followed by pub trip
	Thu 11, 8.45pm	SWT bat walk at Blackford Pond
	Tue 23, 6.30pm	Edinburgh festival night
September	Tue 13, 7.30pm	Committee meeting followed by pub trip
	Sat 24, TBC	Doors Open Day at the National Museums Collection Centre
October	Sat 1, 12.00pm	SWT Musselburgh Lagoons Walk