

# Lothians Conservation Volunteers

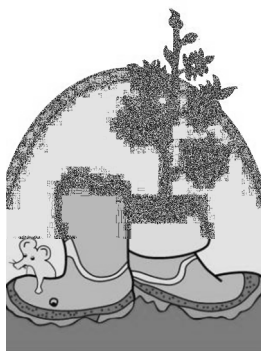
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*We are a Scottish Charity,  
run entirely by volunteers,  
and we've been doing  
conservation work in and  
around Edinburgh for over  
forty-five years.*

*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 others.*

*Charity number SC020384*



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Hello all,

As I write this we approach the winter solstice when the days begin to lengthen and we can look back on a successful LCV season and forward to a new one.

It has been a period of ongoing change wrapped up in continuity as we carry on our work with a variety of clients, both old and new, with a variety of interesting tasks, while saying goodbye to Ian and Mark as they head for a new adventure in the far North.

Their departure opens up some committee vacancies and if you are interested in a post please do contact me through the usual channels.

In other big news our Stage 1 application to convert to a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation has been approved and we can now get the final, Stage 2, application underway. This is excellent news.

And of course, as always, we would love to hear from anyone who thinks they might like to help out with driving our minibus! We can arrange for D1 training.

Happy New Year to everyone and I look forward to seeing you all out and about soon.

*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 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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## Online locations

Check out our **website**: [www.lcv.org.uk](http://www.lcv.org.uk)

Like us on **Facebook**: [www.facebook.com/LothiansConservationVolunteers](http://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](mailto:webmaster@lcv.org.uk)

## Upcoming events

For more details on any event check out our website: [www.lcv.org.uk](http://www.lcv.org.uk)

## Conservation tasks

Dec	Sat 31	Roslin Glen	Woodland management
Jan	Mon 2	Penicuik / Dalkeith Walkway	Cyclepath clearance
	Tue 3	Penicuik / Dalkeith Walkway	Cyclepath clearance
	Sun 8	Holyrood Park	Gorse cutting
	Sun 15	Byres Hill	Gorse cutting
	Sun 22	Addiewell Bing	Tree care
	Sun 29	Penicuik / Dalkeith Walkway	Cyclepath clearance
Feb	Sun 5	Bawsinch & Murder Acre	Pond work
	Sun 12	Blackford Quarry	Step replacement
	Sat 18	Addiewell Bing	Tree care
	Sun 19	Blackford Quarry	Step replacement
	Sun 26	Roslin Glen	Woodland and path work
Mar	Sun 5	Spottiswoode	Brash burning
	Sat 11	Gore Glen Woodland Park	Broom clearance
	Sun 12	Blackford Quarry	Step replacement
	Sat 18	Holyrood Park	Wildflower sowing
	Sun 19	Donald Rose Wood	Tree care
	Sun 26	Roslin Glen	Woodland / meadow work
	Fri 31 -	Resi: Knowetop Lochs	Boardwalk and path work
	Sun 2 Apr		

## Social events

Jan	Tue 10	19:30	Committee meeting followed by pub trip
	Sat 14	14:30	Edinburgh Reads: The Nightingale Choir in Concert
	Tue 31	18:00	ECCI Talk: Tackling climate change after Paris
Feb	Thu 9	13:30	EHoMG Talk: Getting High: A World at My Feet
	Thu 9	18:00	BSoS Talk: Non-native plants in Scotland
	Tue 14	19:30	Committee meeting followed by pub trip
	Mon 27	18:30	Brass Monkey pub quiz
Mar	Thu 2	18:00	Edinburgh University Talk: The Arctic Ocean
	Tue 14	19:30	Committee meeting followed by pub trip
	Wed 15	19:30	ENHS Talk: Peculiar Penguins and Funny Looking Frogs
	Tue 28	18:00	Geological Society Talk: Earth's Climate Evolution