

Lothians Conservation Volunteers

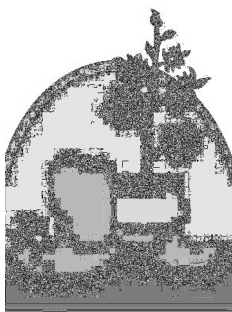
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We are a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation, run entirely by volunteers, and we've been doing conservation work in and around Edinburgh for over forty-five years.

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.

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Greetings all,

Following a successful winter of activity we are looking forward to a busy spring, which will include our AGM on 9th May. This will be our first AGM under our new corporate identity as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

I would like to thank David Monaghan, who got the ball rolling on this, Louisa Martin for all her work over many, many months seeing it all through, David Nutter for tolerating the complications to his accounts and everyone on the committee for being patient with the endless discussions as well as doing their own jobs so well. There is still a bit of paperwork to be finalised with OSCR but this should be sorted soon and this change will help us to move forward on a more sustainable basis.

Although sadly, the ongoing lack of a Social Coordinator means that we are only able to offer a limited programme of social events this quarter I would very much like to welcome Meryl Norris to the committee where she has taken over the Fundraising role.

If anyone would be interested in taking over the Mucker Editor's role then we would be very happy to hear from you but in the meantime 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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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

Apr	Sun 9	Little Boghead Nature Park	Pond work
	Sun 16	Little Boghead Nature Park	Pond work
	Sun 23	Currie Wood	Path and bridge work
	Sat 29	Pishwanton	TBC
	Sun 30	Currie Wood	Path and bridge work
May	Sun 7	Beeslack Wood	Path work
	Sun 14	Beeslack Wood	Path work
	Sun 21	Roslin Glen	Path work
	Sat 27	Pishwanton	TBC
	Sun 28	Easter Craiglockhart Hill	Meadow raking
Jun	Sun 4	Holyrood Park	Himalayan Balsam removal
	Sun 11	Holyrood Park	Himalayan Balsam removal
	Sun 18	Roslin Glen	Bank stabilisation
	Sun 25	Traprain Law	Ragwort removal
Jul	Sun 2	Holyrood Park	Himalayan Balsam removal
	Sun 9 - Fri 14	Taynish	Residential: Bracken bashing
	Sun 16	Traprain Law	Ragwort removal

Social events

As no-one has stepped up and offered to take over the vacant Social Coordinator's role our programme of social events is rather sparse this quarter.

Apr	Tue 11	19:30	Committee meeting followed by pub trip
May	Sat 6	TBC	Trip to Chris Boam's wood
	Tue 9	19:30	AGM followed by pub trip
Jun	Tue 13	19:30	Committee meeting followed by pub trip