

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.

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Greetings all,

Following a successful AGM we begin a new LCV year, which will contain new opportunities and challenges for us to meet. I am very pleased to say that our conversion to Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation has been completed, apart from the tying up of a few loose ends with OSCR.

I would like to welcome Catriona Anderson to the committee as the Mucker editor, and would like to thank Louisa for holding the fort in the lengthy interim. There are no social or other events planned at present, but anything that comes up will be listed on the website. The social organiser and toolshed officer positions are still vacant - if interested, please contact me or any committee member for details.

Our greatly anticipated annual summer residential week at Taynish is fast approaching,, and I look forward to seeing you out on task this summer.

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

Jul	Sun 2	Holyrood	Himalayan balsam removal
	Sat 8	Springfield Mill	Meadow maintenance and step building
	Sun 9 - Fri 14	Taynish residential	Bracken bashing
	Sun 16	Traprain Law	Ragwort removal
	Sat 22	Yellowcraigs	Pirri pirri bur control
	Sun 23	Little Boghead	TBC
	Sun 30	Addiewell Bing	Tree weeding and path clearance
Aug	Sun 6	Little Boghead	TBC
	Sun 13	North Berwick Law	Ragwort removal
	Sun 20	Grandfield	Hazel coppicing
	Sun 27	Little Boghead	TBC
Sept	Sun 3	Gullane	Wildflower management
	Sun 10	Holyrood Park	Gorse cutting
	Sun 17	Red Moss	Birch removal
	Sun 24	Donald Rose Wood	Meadow creation
Oct	Sun 1	Leadburn	Birch removal
	Sun 8	Easter Craiglockhart	Meadow raking

Other events

Jul	Tue 11	19:30	Committee meeting followed by pub trip
Aug	Tue 8	19:30	Committee meeting followed by pub trip
Sep	Tue 12	19:30	Committee meeting followed by pub trip
Oct	Tue 10	19:30	Committee meeting followed by pub trip