

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,

Welcome to another LCV season following on from a successful summer including our sunniest ever trip to Taynish, where we enjoyed a day trip to the tropical paradise of Gigha.

Our autumn and early winter programme is beginning with trips to old favourites including a weekend resi to Carsegowan and a healthy sprinkling of new sites. This quarter we also welcome a new driver to the fold - thanks Susie - but as we are starting to increase our offer of Saturday tasks once more we are starting to have a pressing requirement for a few additional task leaders. If you think you could give this a go please have a chat with myself, or any member of the committee.

We also need to say thanks to Edith who has taken over the Tools Officer's role which has been vacant for a while, and to Heili for her efforts as Publicity Officer. We wish Heili all the best in her new job and are glad to welcome James, who has now taken over this role, and was thrown right in at the deep end with an excellent day at the Volunteer Fair.

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

Oct	Sun 1	Leadburn	Birch removal
	Sat 7	Little Boghead	Brash burning/pond work
	Sun 8	Easter Craiglockhart	Meadow raking
	Fri 13 – Sun 15	Carsegowan residential	Birch and scrub removal
	Sat 21	Little Boghead	Brash burning/pond work
	Sun 22	Granton Castle Walled Garden	Scrub clearance
	Sat 28	Little Boghead	Brash burning/pond work
	Sun 29	Roslin Glen	Meadow and woodland management
Nov	Sat 4	Bawsinch	Reedbed management/path work
	Sun 5	Byre's Hill/Hopetoun Monument	Gorse cutting
	Sun 12	Straiton Pond	TBC
	Sun 19	Cander Moss	Birch felling
	Sun 26	Spottiswoode	Birch thinning
Dec	Sun 3	Bawsinch	Reedbed management/path work
	Sun 10	Holyrood Park	Gorse cutting
	Sat 16	Bawsinch	Reedbed management/path work
	Sun 17	Holyrood Park	Gorse cutting
	Sat 30	Dalkeith - Penicuik Cycle Path	TBC
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Jan	Tues 2	Gore Glen	Broom clearance and burning

Other events

Oct	Tue 10	19:30	Committee meeting followed by pub trip
	Thurs 19	19:30	SWT Talk: Scottish Beavers - Reinforcing the Knapdale Population
	Thurs 9	19:30	SWT Talk: Bird Ringing from Scotland to Cyprus
Nov	Tue 14	19:30	Committee meeting followed by pub trip
	Wed 15	18:30	Pub quiz at The Joker and The Thief
Dec	Tue 12	19:30	Committee meeting followed by pub trip
	Thurs 21	19:00	Christmas market night