

## 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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As winter finally relinquishes its tenacious grip we enter a new season for LCV, where we will continue to visit a varied selection of old and new sites. This includes a summer return to wonderful Taynish in what will hopefully be a flaming June.

We have recently welcomed two new leaders and are always looking to recruit more, as well as new drivers - if interested please contact any member of the committee. We are also rapidly approaching our AGM in early May where all committee member positions will be up for election, so if any position interests you then please get in touch.

*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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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

Apr	Sun 1	Holyrood Park	Wildflower planting/sowing, sapling removal
	Sun 8	Valleyfield Pond	Pond management
	Sun 15	Falkland Estate	Rhododendron removal
	Sun 22	Burdiehouse Burn Valley Park	Yellow archangel and Russian vine control
	Sun 29	Penicuik-Dalkeith Walkway	Pathwork and woodland maintenance
May	Sun 6	Hermitage of Braid	Pathwork
	Sun 13	Easter Craiglockhart	Meadow raking
	Sun 20	Holyrood Park	Himalayan balsam control
	Sun 27	Cramond Foreshore	Japanese rose removal
Jun	Sun 3	Blackford Hill	Himalayan balsam control
	Sun 10 - Sat 16	Taynish & Moine Mhor	Bracken bashing
	Sun 17	North Berwick Law	Ragwort removal
	Sat 23	Holyrood Park	Himalayan balsam control
	Sun 24	Blackford Hill	Himalayan balsam control

## Other events

Apr	Tue 10	19:30	Committee meeting followed by pub trip
	Thurs 26	19:30	SWT Talk: Red Sea coral reefs
May	Tue 8	19:30	Committee meeting followed by pub trip
Jun	Tue 12	19:00	Committee meeting followed by pub trip