

## 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 we enter a fresh new quarter with LCV, the summer is already fading to memory and a chill is in the air.

During the summer we enjoyed a successful resi trip to Taynish, and we have a weekend resi in Dumfries and Galloway planned for October. In other news from last quarter, seven of our volunteers completed a first aid course in early September, meaning we'll now have even more first-aiders at hand when out on task.

This quarter as always we have a wide variety of upcoming tasks and sites, including old favourites and new unexplored territories. We are always looking for new drivers and leaders, so if you are interested please speak to a committee member — contact details are on page 3.



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*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

Oct	Sun 7	Easter Craiglockhart	Meadow raking
	Sun 14	Roslin Glen	Meadow management and hedge/tree maintenance
	Fri 19 - Sun 21	Carsegowan/Carstramon residential	Himalayan balsam removal
	Sat 27	Holyrood Park	Wildflower sowing and plug planting
	Sun 28	Leadburn	Bog/woodland work
Nov	Sun 4	Saltoun Tip	Scything
	Sat 10	Yellowcraigs	Scrub removal
	Sun 11	Spottiswoode	Birch thinning
	Sun 18	Roslin Glen	Path work and woodland management
	Sun 25	Gore Glen	Tree thinning
Dec	Sun 2	Bawsinch	Reedbed management
	Sat 8	Holyrood Park	Gorse cutting
	Sun 9	Falkland Estate	Rhododendron bashing
	Sun 16	Gore Glen	Tree thinning
	Sun 23	NO TASK	
	Sun 30	Penicuik-Dalkeith Walkway	Birch pulling
	Mon 31	Penicuik-Dalkeith Walkway	Tree thinning
Jan	Wed 2	Penicuik-Dalkeith Walkway	Pond clearance/path work

## Other events

Oct	Tue 9	19:30	Committee meeting followed by pub trip
Nov	Tue 13	19:30	Committee meeting followed by pub trip
Dec	Tue 11	19:30	Committee meeting followed by pub trip
Jan	Tue 8	19:30	Committee meeting followed by pub trip