

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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As the year blends into 2019, we look back on a successful 2018 and also forward to 2019, where we will return to some of our old favourite sites as well as some new and diverse ones.

In other news, we will hopefully be replacing our minibus during 2019 following a decade of service.

I would also like to thank everyone for all their hard work over the past year, especially Louisa, who recently left the committee to have a baby after years of service in a variety of posts.

If anyone is interested in leading, driving or serving on our committee, please contact any committee member through the usual channels (our 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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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

Jan	Sun 6	Falkland Estate	Rhododendron removal
	Sun 13	Holyrood Park	Gorse cutting
	Sun 20	Falkland Estate	Rhododendron removal
	Sat 26	Gifford Community Woodland	Rhododendron removal
	Sun 27	Holyrood Park	Gorse cutting
Feb	Sat 2	Gifford Community Woodland	Rhododendron removal
	Sun 3	Spottiswoode	Birch thinning
	Sun 10	Holyrood Park	Gorse cutting
	Sun 17	Abbey St Bathans's Woodland	Woodland maintenance/tree planting
	Sat 23	Gifford Community Woodland	Rhododendron removal
	Sun 24	Abbey St Bathans's Woodland	Woodland maintenance/tree planting
Mar	Sun 3	Granton Castle Walled Garden	Bramble clearance
	Sun 10	Addiewell Bing	Tree aftercare
	Fri 15 - Sun 17	Carsegowan/Carstramon residential	Scrub clearance and beech control
	Sun 24	Donald Rose Wood	Path work/wildflower meadow creation
	Sun 31	Roslin Glen	Wildflower meadow management

Other events

Jan	Tue 8	19:30	Committee meeting followed by pub trip
Feb	Tue 12	19:30	Committee meeting followed by pub trip
	Thurs 14	19:30	SWT talk: Scottish birds in history and culture
Mar	Tue 12	19:30	Committee meeting followed by pub trip
	Thurs 14	19:30	SWT talk: Saving the small things