

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. Charity number SC020384

As I write this, we are about to travel to our annual week-long trip to stunning Tainish in mid Argyll for some bracken bashing and bog work. After that we will start another exciting chapter, working on a variety of tasks for a variety of clients all around the Lothians and further.

I would like to thank Peter Gilbert for his work through the years as Training Organiser.

We are always looking for tasks leaders and drivers so please do get in touch if it is something you would be interested in.



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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 **News**group: 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

July	Sat 6	Addiewell Bing	Tree weeding and path clearance
	Sun 7	Springfield Mill	Meadow raking
	Sun 14	Holyrood Park	Himalayan balsam control
	Sun 21	Falkland estate	Cutting overhangs from path
	Sun 28	Falkland estate	Cutting overhangs from path
Aug	Sun 4	Roslin Glen	Himalayan balsam control
	Sun 11	Holyrood Park	Himalayan balsam control
	Sun 18	Falkland Estate	Cutting back overhangs from path
	Sun 25	Gullane	Scything
Sep	Sun 1	Cramond	Turf removal for wildflower area
	Sun 8	Red Moss	Tree pulling
	Sun 15	Portmoak Moss	Birch and Scots pine removal from raised bog
	Sun 22	Longniddry Bents	Scything
	Sun 29	Vogrie	Meadow management
Oct	Sun 6	Easter Craiglockhart	Meadow raking

Other events

July	Sat 6	10am-1pm	SWT: Aberlady Nature Reserve carpark – Ranger walk
	Tues 9	7:30pm	Committee meeting followed by pub trip
	Thurs 27	10am-4pm	SWT: From Linlithgow train station – Cycle ride
Aug	Tue 13	7:30pm	Committee meeting followed by pub trip
Sep	Mon 2	8:30pm	SWT: Bat Walk – Entrance to Blackford Pond
	Tue 10	7:30pm	Committee meeting followed by pub trip

For more information about the SWT events please follow the link below:

<https://swtlothians.org.uk/events/>