

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 summer fades and autumn's rosy Glow envelopes us we celebrate the end of a successful quarter for LCV and look forward to a new one where we will be working on a mixture of new and established sites.

Next year should bring a variety of developments including our 50th anniversary.

William McSporran, Co-ordinator



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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

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

Oct	Sat 5	Springfield Mill	Meadow scything
	Sun 6	Easter Craiglockhart	Meadow raking
	Sat 12	Yellowcraig	Buckthorn removal
	Sun 13	Greening Community Woodland	Woodland management
	Sat 19	Springfield Mill	Meadow raking
	Sun 20	Bawsinch	Pond work
	Sun 27	Holyrood Park	Wildflower sowing/plug planting
Nov	Sun 3	Greenrigg Community Woodland	Woodland management
	Sat 9	Gifford Community Woodland	Rhododendron control
	Sun 10	Granton Castle Walled Garden	Wildflower meadow creation
	Sun 17	Greenrigg Community Woodland	Woodland management
	Sun 24	Corstorphine Hill	Salmonberry control
Dec	Sun 1	Leadburn Community Woodland	Path work
	Sun 8	Spottiswoode	Beech thinning
	Sun 15	Corstorphine Hill	Salmonberry control
	Sun 22	Falkland Estate	Rhododendron removal
	Sun 29	Vogrie	Pond clearance
Jan	Thu 2	Gore Glen	Broom clearance and burning

Other events

Oct	Tue 8	7:30pm	Committee meeting followed by pub trip
	Sun 13	2pm-4pm	SWT: Ranger led tour of Bawsinch and Duddingston Wildlife reserve
Nov	Thu 17	7:30pm-9pm	SWT: talk on "Dragonflies of Scotland"
	Sat 9	12pm-2:30pm	SWT: Musselburgh Winter bird ID
	Tue 12	7:30pm	Committee meeting followed by pub trip
	Thu 14	7:30pm-9pm	SWT: Talk on "Carrifran Wildwood and beyond"
Dec	Tues 10	7:30pm	Committee meeting followed by pub trip
	Thurs 19	7:30pm-9pm	SWT: Talk about the Pentlands Hills

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

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