

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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We are completing another successful season of LCV tasks where we visited a variety of established and new sites.

We are due to start a new season soon but with the COVID-19 outbreak this has been delayed in accordance with government advice. Please check the website for updates.

On familiar ground as we approach our AGM, all committee posts are up for re-election in May. If interested in any posts, please contact any committee member.

On a more joyful note, we are also due to celebrate our 50th anniversary in the Summer and, as mentioned in the previous mucker, are looking to replace our minibus after over a decade of loyal service

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**: www.instagram.com/lothiansconservation/

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

Apr	Sun 5	CANCELLED	
	Sun 12	Bawsinch	Fence/pond/pathwork
	Sun 19	Holyrood Park	Wildflower plug planting
	Sat 25	Easter Craiglockhart	Meadow raking and gorse cutting
	Sun 26	Valleyfield Pond	Pond management
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May	Sun 3	Falkland Estate	Path clearance
	Sun 10	Skolie Burn	Bracken bashing
	Sun 17	Falkland Estate	Path clearance
	Sun 24	Cander Moss or Upper Nethan Gorge	Scrub control (at CM) or sapling maintenance (at UNG)
	Sun 31	Leadburn	Path work
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Jun	Sun 7-Sat 13	Taynish and/or Moine Mhor residential	Scrub and bracken control
	Sat 20	Yellowcraigs	Pirri pirri bur control
	Sun 21	Holyrood Park	Himalayan balsam control
	Sun 28	Traprain Law	Ragwort control
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Jul	Sun 5	Addiewell Bing	Tree care

Due to the current Covid-19 crisis, the tasks from the 12th of April onwards will either be confirmed or cancelled closer to the dates. Please visit our website for more information and updates.

Other events

Apr	Tues 14	7:30pm	Committee meeting followed by pub trip (TBC)
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May	Tues 12	7:30pm	Committee meeting followed by pub trip (TBC)
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Jun	Tues 9	7:30pm	Committee meeting followed by pub trip (TBC)