

# 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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Following our only ever cancelled task programme we tentatively dip our toe in a new programme subject to ongoing restrictions. Please check our website for updates.

Following our AGM in May I would like to thank all committee members for their work in the last year and would like to welcome Niamh to the position of fundraiser.

Although we were looking forward to celebrating our 50th anniversary in the Summer, we decided that it would be wiser to postpone it until next year, given the uncertainties regarding social gatherings over the Summer.

*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**: [www.instagram.com/lothiansconservation/](http://www.instagram.com/lothiansconservation/)

Join our Yahoo **News**group: 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

July	Sun 19	Blackford Glen	Burn clearance and step maintenance
	Sun 26	Bawsinch and Murder Acre	Reedbed management and path work
Aug	Sun 2	Traprain Law	Ragwort control

***We are closely following government guidelines changes so please keep an eye on the website for regular updates and be aware that tasks may have to be cancelled at short notice. The rest of the Summer task programme will be updated on a monthly basis.***

## Other events

July	Tues 14	7:30pm	Committee meeting (online)
Aug	Tues 11	7:30pm	Committee meeting followed by pub trip (TBC)
Sep	Tues 8	7:30pm	Committee meeting followed by pub trip (TBC)