

# 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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I hope I find you all well as we near the end of the most challenging year for a long time, we embark on a new quarter of LCV tasks subject to events.

2021 will hopefully see us celebrate our delayed 50th anniversary and begin the procurement process for a new minibus.

Thank you to everyone for their sterling work in the last year and we look forward to working for and with a variety of new and old clients and volunteers in the upcoming twelve months.

*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 minibuses. 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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Check out our **website**: [www.lcv.org.uk](http://www.lcv.org.uk)

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

<b>Jan</b>	Sun 3	Gore Glen Woodland Park	CANCELLED
	Mon 4	Vogrie Country Park	CANCELLED
	Sun 10	Granton Castle Walled Garden	CANCELLED
	Sun 17	Black Moss	Vegetation control
	Sun 24	Black Moss	Vegetation control
	Sun 31	Spottiswoode	Birch Thinning

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<b>Feb</b>	Sun 7	Leadburn Community Woodland	Path Work
	Sun 14	Beecraigs Country Park	Path Work
	Sun 21	Beecraigs Country Park	Path Work
	Sun 28	Leadburn Community Woodland	Path Work

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<b>Mar</b>	Sun 7	Gifford Community Woodland	Rhododendron control
	Sun 14	Addiewell Bing	Tree aftercare
	Sun 21	Gifford Community Woodland	Rhododendron control
	Sun 28	Falkland Estate	Rhododendron control

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<b>Apr</b>	Sun 4	Falkland Estate	Rhododendron control
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***We are closely following government guidelines changes so please keep an eye on the website for regular updates.***

## Other events

Please contact *Enquiries* if you wish to join the meeting

Jan	Tues 12	7:30pm	Committee meeting (online)
Feb	Tues 9	7:30pm	Committee meeting (online)
Mar	Tues 9	7:30pm	Committee meeting (online)