

# 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 seamlessly transitioning to our next three-month quarter following another successful tranche of tasks.

We recently had our AGM when we welcomed Rob as our tools officer after Edith's successful tenure.

In this upcoming quarter, we have a full programme including our first post pandemic weekend residential tasks, and all going well, we will be replacing our minibus after a longer than anticipated term.

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

Join our Yahoo **News**group: to join our news group, 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>Jul</b>	Sun 3	Traprain Law	Ragwort control
	Sun 10	Granton Castle Walled Garden	TBC
	Sun 17	Beecraigs Country Park	Tree planting/woodland maintenance
	Sun 24	Beecraigs Country Park	Tree planting/woodland maintenance
	Sun 31	Humbie Woods	Path work/rhododendron removal
<b>Aug</b>	Sun 7	Humbie Woods	Path work/rhododendron removal
	Sun 14	Gifford Community Woodland	Ditch clearance
	Sun 21	Eaglescairn Mains Farm	Woodland maintenance
	Sun 28	Gifford Community Woodland	Ditch clearance
<b>Sep</b>	Sun 4	Holyrood Park	Gorse control
	Sun 11	Gifford Community Woodland	Rhododendron control
	Sun 18	Portmoak Moss	TBC
	Sun 25	Red Moss	Bog management and tree removal
	Fri 30- Sun 2	Ben Lawers	Residential – Task TBC

***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

Jul	<b>Wed 12</b>	7:30pm	Greyfriars Charteris Centre – 138 The Pleasance
Aug	Tues 9	7:30pm	TBC
Sep	Tues 13	7:30pm	TBC