

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 on the cusp of our Autumn 2022 tasks quarter where we will have a full programme of tasks on sites, old and new ones.

We even just had a residential for the first time since early 2020 where we revisited NTS Ben Lawers, and where we had not been in ages.

We are also awaiting the imminent arrival of our new minibus following thirteen years of service of the present incumbent and have extended the garage pending the new arrival.

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 **News**group: to join our news group, 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 8	Roslin Glen	Meadow management
	Sun 9	Gullane	Scything
	Sat 15	Little Boghead	Pond Work
	Sun 16	Little Boghead	Pond Work
	Sun 23	Easter Craiglockhart Hill	Meadow raking
	Sun 30	Gifford Community Woodland	Rhododendron control
Nov	Sun 6	Falkland Estate	Rhododendron control
	Sun 13	Gifford Community Woodland	Rhododendron control
	Sat 19	Blackness Bay	Boardwalk renovation
	Sun 20	Blackness Bay/Holyrood Park	Boardwalk renovation/Gorse cutting
	Sat 26	Gifford Community Woodland	Rhododendron control
	Sun 27	Carrifran	Tree planting (with Borders Forest Trust)
Dec	Sun 4	Yellowcraigs	Scrub control
	Sun 11	Yellowcraigs	Scrub control
	Sun 18	Falkland Estate	Rhododendron control
	Mon 26	Roslin Glen	Woodland management
Jan	Mon 2	Gore Glen Woodland Park	Scrub management/broom burning

We are closely following government guidelines changes so please keep an eye on the website for regular updates.

Other events

Please contact enquiries@lcv.org.uk if you wish to join

Oct	Tues 4	6:00pm	Social get together/dinner (Auld Hoose) followed by committee meeting (Greyfriars Charteris Centre)
Nov	Tues 8	7:30pm	Committee meeting – location TBC
Dec	Tues 13	7:30pm	Committee meeting – location TBC