

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.

Charity number SC020384

We are on the cusp both of a new year and a fresh LCV season.

As usual we have a healthy mixture of new and established clients/sites in our upcoming programme.

William McSporran, Co-ordinator



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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

Jan	Mon 2	Gore Glen Woodland Park	Scrub management/broom burning
	Sun 8	Holyrood Park	Gorse/scrub control
	Sat 14	Gifford Community Woodland	Rhododendron control
	Sun 15	North Berwick Law	Meadow management
	Sun 22	Granton Castle Walled Garden	Orchard management
	Sun 29	Whim Woods	Rhododendron control
Feb	Sat 4	Gifford Community Woodland	Rhododendron control
	Sun 5	Spottiswoode	Brashing
	Sun 12	Whim Woods	Rhododendron control
	Sun 19	Holyrood Park	Gorse/scrub control
	Sun 26	Humbie woods	Rhododendron control
Mar	Sun 5	Kilgour Crags, Falkland Estate	Rhododendron control
	Sun 12	Gofford Community Woodland	Rhododendron control
	Fri 17 - Sun 19	Ben Lawers	Residential: NNR management – variety of tasks (paths, tree work etc)
	Sun 26	Cander Moss	TBC
Apr	Sun 2	Upper Nethan Gorge	TBC

Other events

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

Jan	Tues 10	7:30pm	Committee meeting (Location TBC)
Feb	Tues 14	7:30pm	Committee meeting (Location TBC)
Mar	Tues 14	7:30pm	Committee meeting (Location TBC)