

# 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 entering Spring following a successful Winter where we had a variety of tasks for new and established clients and will continue in the same vein.

We have a first aid course scheduled for Saturday 3rd of June with spaces available. I would like to welcome Geoff to the committee as Tools Officer and thank Rob for his previous service in this role.

Finally, our new minibus is approaching six months of flawless service.

*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, currently held virtually. Please reach out to [enquiries@lcv.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@lcv.org.uk) for more details.

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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>Apr</b> | Sun 2             | Upper Nethan Gorge, Clyde Valley | Tree sapling maintenance            |
|            | Sun 9             | Whim Woods                       | Rhododendron control                |
|            | Sun 16            | Talla and Gameshope              | Tree planting                       |
|            | Sun 23            | Gifford                          | Tree weeding/ Rhododendron control  |
|            | Sun 30            | Humbie Woods                     | Woodland maintenance                |
| <b>May</b> | Sun 7             | Waterheads                       | Tree tube removal                   |
|            | Sat 13            | Gifford                          | Tree weeding/ Rhododendron control  |
|            | Sun 14            | Humbie Woods                     | Woodland maintenance                |
|            | Sun 21            | Traprain Law                     | Ragwort control                     |
|            | Sat 27            | Gifford                          | Tree weeding/ Rhododendron control  |
|            | Sun 28            | Easter Craiglockhart Hill        | Meadow raking and other tasks       |
| <b>Jun</b> | Sun 4             | North Berwick Law                | Ragwort control                     |
|            | Sat 10-<br>Sun 18 | Taynish/Moine Mohr               | Summer residential week – tasks TBC |
|            | Sun 25            | Waterheads                       | Tree tube removal                   |
|            | <b>Jul</b>        | Sat 1                            | Carolside Estate                    |
| Sun 2      |                   | Traprain Law                     | Ragwort control                     |

## Other events

Please contact [enquiries@lcv.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@lcv.org.uk) if you wish to join

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|-----|---------|--------|----------------------------------|
| Apr | Tues 12 | 7:30pm | Committee meeting – location TBC |
| May | Tues 10 | 7:30pm | Committee meeting – location TBC |
| Jun | Tues 14 | 7:30pm | Committee meeting – location TBC |