

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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This spring was a great one for LCV. Most notably, we visited Talla Reservoir, one of our favourite sites to plant over 1,000 aspen, birch, alder and willow. .

Our summer residential this year was at Taynish and Mhoine Mhor. We helped to suppress bracken to aid forest regeneration and removed scrub from the peat bog at Mhoine Mhor. Despite the heat and many biting insects, the team enjoyed a hard day's work. Ice cream, wild swimming, and great conversation didn't hurt either!

If anyone is interested in leading, driving or serving on our committee, please contact any committee member through

www.lcv.org.uk

the usual channels (our contact details are on page 4).

William McSporran, Co-ordinator



William McSporran, Co-ordinator meadow raking during the Tanish residential. The ancient deciduous woodland at Tainish is one of the largest in Britain and these woods now form one of Britain's largest remaining native oakwoods.



On site at Waterheads, an established young woodland in Peebles used for flood mitigation and habitat restoration. LCV continues to work with this site to remove tree tubes.

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**:

<https://www.instagram.com/lothiansconservationvolunteers>

Join our Yahoo **Newsgroup**: to join our newsgroup, lcvnews, send an email to webmaster@lcv.org.uk

Upcoming events

Jul	Sun 9	Granton Castle Walled Garden	Scrub Management
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	Sun 23	Waterheads	Tree tube removal
	Sun 30	Humbie Woods	Pathwork
Aug	Sun 6	Waterheads	Tree tube removal
	Sun 13	Portmoak Moss	Bog management
	Sun 20	Gifford Community Woodland	Rhododendron control
	Sun 27	Humbie Woods	Rhododendron control
Sept	Sun 3	Whim Woods	Rhododendron control
	Sun 10	Gifford Community Woodland	Rhododendron control
	Sun 17	Red Moss	Bog maintenance and sapling removal
	Sat 23	Gifford Community Woodland	Rhododendron control
	Sun 24	Whim Woods	Rhododendron control
	Sat 30	Holyrood Park	Gorse/scrub control

For more details on any event check out our website: www.lcv.org.uk

Conservation tasks

Other events

Jul	Tue 11	19:30	Committee meeting
Aug	Tue 8	19:30	Committee meeting
Sept	Tue 12	19:30	Committee meeting