

## 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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As you read this we will be past the winter solstice and the days are growing imperceptibly longer. We have just completed another successful year at LCV and look forward to another with a fresh quarter beginning/begun in early January. We will be working on a variety of sites both old and new and look forward to seeing you on task.

If anyone is interested in leading, driving or serving on our committee, please contact any committee member (our contact details are on page 4).

*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 thirteen 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. Locations may vary so let us know if you are keen to join! All are welcome to the meeting; we usually go for a drink in a local pub afterwards.

## LCV Contacts

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Check out our **website**: [www.lcv.org.uk](http://www.lcv.org.uk)

Like us on **Facebook**: [www.facebook.com/LothiansConservationVolunteers](http://www.facebook.com/LothiansConservationVolunteers)

Follow us on **Instagram**:

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

Join our Yahoo **News**group: to join our newsgroup, lcvnews, send an email to [webmaster@lcv.org.uk](mailto:webmaster@lcv.org.uk)

## Upcoming events

Jan	Tue 2	Gifford Community Woodland	Rhododendron control
	Sun 7	Holyrood Park	Gorse cutting
	Sun 14	Gifford Community Woodland	Rhododendron control
	Sun 21	Roslin Moat	Pond work and invasive species control
	Sat 27	Gifford Community Woodland	Rhododendron control
	Sun 28	Eaglescairn Mains Farm	Tree aftercare
Feb	Sun 4	Roslin Moat	Pond work and invasive species control
	Sun 11	Upper Nethan Gorge	Tree tube removal (early departure- 0900)
	Sat 17	Barns Estate	Sapling rescue
	Sun 18	Eaglescairn Mains Farm	Tree aftercare
	Sun 25	Gifford Community Woodland	Rhododendron control
Mar	Sat 2	Yellowcraigs	Pirri-pirri burr control
	Sun 3	Becraigs Country Park	TBC
	Sun 10	Flanders Moss NNR	Scrub clearance (note early departure - 0900)
	Fri 15- Sun 17	Ben Lawers	Residential: Fence removal
	Sat 24	Whim Woods	Rhododendron control
	Sun 31	Easter Breich Wood	Path work

For more details on any event check out our website: [www.lcv.org.uk](http://www.lcv.org.uk)

## Conservation tasks

March 15th (Friday)-17th (Sunday): Residential, Ben Lawers for deer fence removal. Contact us if you are interested in joining!

## Other events

Jan	Tue 9	19:30	Committee meeting
Feb	Tue 13	19:30	Committee meeting
Mar	Tue 12	19:30	Committee meeting