

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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We are about to begin our 2024 Spring and early Summer programme following a successful winter programme with a variety of sites old and new. Unfortunately, as you may have heard, we lost our stalwart volunteer of many years Tony. If attending Easter Breich on Easter Sunday remember to put your clocks forward by one hour as BST begins.

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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David Nutter

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Online locations

Check out our **website**: www.lcv.org.uk

Like us on **Facebook**: www.facebook.com/LothiansConservationVolunteers

Follow us on **Instagram**:

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

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Upcoming events

Apr	Sun 7	Portmoak Moss	TBC (bog and woodland mngmt)
	Sun 14	Whitburn Town Walk	Tree planting
	Sun 21	Spottiswoode	Tree planting
	Sat 27	Gifford Community Woodland	Woodland maintenance
	Sun 28	Easter Craiglockhart Hill	Pond work
May	Sun 5	Eaglescairn Mains Farm	Woodland maintenance
	Sun 12	Whim Woods	Scrub control
	Sat 18	Waterheads	Task TBC (tree-related)
	Sun 19	Gifford Community Woodland	Woodland maintenance
	Sun 26	Whim Woods	Scrub control
Jun	Sun 2	Humbie Woods	Rhododendron control
	Sun 9	Gifford Community Woodland	Woodland maintenance
	Sat 23	Humbie Wood	Rhododendron control
	Sun 30	Leadburn Community Woodland	Woodland maintenance
Jul	Sun 7	North Berwick Law	Ragwort removal
	Sun 14	Traprain Law	Ragwort removal
	Sun 21-	Taynish	Residential: Task TBC
	Sat 27		

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

Conservation tasks

July 21-27: Residential, Taynish (task TBC).. Contact us if you are interested in joining!

Other events

Apr	Tue 9	19:30	Committee meeting
May	Tue 14	19:30	Committee meeting
Jun	Tue 11	19:30	Committee meeting