

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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As I write this, we have just had a successful residential in Galloway at the end of a good quarter for LCV and look forward to the upcoming quarter.

We will again have a week at Tainish where we have had our summer residential for around six years. I would like to welcome Aurelie Brousse to the committee in the post of Mucker Editor and thank Catriona Anderson for her work in the post over the years.

As we approach our AGM in May I remind everyone that all committee posts are up for re-election and if anyone is interested please contact any committee member through the usual channels.



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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 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 pillowcase, and, if sleeping on the floor, a Karrimat or air-bed.

On residential tasks, breakfasts, lunches and the Saturday 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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Like us on **Facebook**: 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

Upcoming events

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

Conservation tasks

April	Sun 7	Burdiehouse Burn	Litter pick
	Sun 14	Penicuik Dalkeith Walkway	Meadow management, tree/shrub clearance and path work
	Sun 21	Holyrood Park	Wildflower sowing + plug planting
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May	Sun 5	Blackford Hill	Litter pick and/or burn clearance
	Sun 12	Blackford Hill	Step work
	Sun 19	Roslin Glen	Woodland management + path work
	Sun 26	Falkland Estate	Path management
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June	Sun 2	Roslin Glen	Tree cutting and ivy control
	Sat 8	Easter Craiglockhart	Meadow management + pond work
	Sun 9	Holyrood Park	Himalayan balsam control
	Sun 16- Sat 22	Taynish and Moine Mohr residential	
	Sun 30	North Berwick Law	Ragwort control

Other events

April	Tue 9	19:30	Committee meeting followed by pub trip
	Sat 13	10am-4pm	RSPB Wild Day Out, Holyrood Park Education Centre
	Sat 13	10am-1pm	SWT Guided Walk, Blackford Pond Entrance
	Sun 21	2-4pm	SWT Guided Walk at Bawsinch
	Thu 25	19:30	SWT Talk 'Meadows and their Biodiversity'
May	Tue 14	19:30	Committee meeting followed by pub trip
	Sun 19	2-4pm	SWT Guided Walk at Bawsinch
June	Tues 11	19:30	Committee meeting followed by pub trip
	Sat 15	9am-4pm	Guided visit of Isle of May, Anstruther middle pier
	Sun 16	2-4pm	SWT Guided Walk at Bawsinch