

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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Whether it was removing tree tubes at Waterheads, doing scrub management at Granton Castle Walled Garden, removing saplings on bogs, or continuing the great battle with Rhododendron at Whim, Gifford, and Humble, there were plenty of tasks to get our boots dug in this summer.

After a full and varied summer season when we had our first week-long resit revisiting Tainish and Moine Mhor we embark on the next quarter where we have another full and varied menu of new and old sites. Our new minibus is rapidly approaching its first birthday (no cake required) and has provided sterling service. I look forward to seeing everyone new and old in the future.

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 McSparran, 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 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.

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

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

Oct	Sun 1	Gullane	Scything the meadow
	Fri 6-Sun 8	Ben Lawers	Deer fence removal
	Sun 15	Whim Woods	Rhododendron control
	Sun 22	Easter Craiglockhart	Meadow raking and pond creation
	Sat 28	Newbridge	Sapling rescue
	Sun 29	Falkland Estate	Tree tube removal
Nov	Sat 4	Whim Woods	Rhododendron control
	Sun 5	Portmoak Moss	Bog management
	Sun 12	Spottiswoode	Birch thinning
	Sun 19	Holyrood park	Gorse cutting
	Sun 26	Humbie Woods	Rhododendron control
Dec	Sat 2	Gifford Community Woodland	Rhododendron control
	Sun 3	Yellowcraigs	Pirri-pirri control or scrub management
	Sun 10	Gifford Community Woodland	Rhododendron control
	Sun 17	Newbridge	Sapling rescue
	Sat 23	Humbie Woods	Rhododendron control
	Tues 26	Gore Glen	Woodland management (with fire)
	Sun 31	Gifford Community Woodland	Rhododendron control
Jan	Mon 1	Vogrie	Woodland management (with fire)
	Tues 2	Gifford Community Woodland	Rhododendron control

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

Conservation tasks

October 6th (Friday)-9th (Sunday): Residential, Ben Lawers for deer fence removal. Contact us if you are interested in joining!

Other events

Oct	Tue 10	19:30	Committee meeting
Nov	Tue 14	19:30	Committee meeting
Dec	Tue 12	19:30	Committee meeting