

2018 Mid-Week Programme July to September

This list may change at short notice please ring first or meet at the pick up point

JULY

- 4th** **NO TASK** – However, the task has moved to Monday the 2nd of July at Sheep's Green. Meet at 9.30am at the north end of the Cambridge Canoe Club compound.
- 11th** **Stourbridge Common and Coldhams Brook** – Thistle and Himalayan balsam will be the focus for the team on this date. Stourbridge Common is one of a number of floodplain meadows found in and around Cambridge city and Coldhams Brook is a chalk fed stream. Both are very valuable but in need of a bit of TLC.
- 18th** **Barnwell East LNR** – The great work carried out by the team during the last month could do with a little bit more. Rosebay willowherb, goldenrod and Michaelmas daisy could all do with being pulled/cut a bit more!
- 25th** **Bourn Brook** – This time of year is peak Himalayan balsam pulling season! The work the team has carried out over the years is now showing positive, visible improvements! But it still needs to be dealt with!

AUGUST

- 1st** **NO TASK**
- 8th** **TBC** – Contact Laura Osborne on 01954 713530 for further details
- 15th** **East Pit SSSI** – The popping season has now started! The team will again have a go at clearing scrub encroaching onto valuable open chalk habitat. It might take a while, but it is work well worth doing!
- 22nd** **Shepreth L-moor SSSI** – A new site for the team to work on! A nationally important site for its mix of wet and dry grassland habitats, the team will be doing what it does best, POPPING!, and other ancillary tasks.
- 29th** **Adams Road Sanctuary CWS** – This is a very important city site for wildlife. To keep it so it's grass needs cutting, it's reeds need knocking back and it's ponds need clearing out! Who better to do this than the Midweek volunteer team?!

SEPTEMBER

- 5th** **West Pit SSSI** – A city site with the best view and also the best chalk grassland. This is all thanks to the management that has been carried out over the years. Without the grass cutting and scrub clearing the quality of the grassland will decline and all that the site would be good for is the view.
- 12th** **Adams Road Sanctuary CWS** – As above.
- 19th** **Haslingfield Pit CWS** – After a disappointing orchid count in the summer, only 17 Man Orchids recorded, the team will endeavour to re-establish even more orchid friendly open grassland at this jewel in south Cambridgeshire.
- 26th** **Stephen Perse School nature reserve, aka Perse Girls School** – It may be a small site, but it's position as part of the river Cam floodplain and the habitats found on it, make it an essential part of the wider landscape. The team and the work it has been carrying out on the site over the years has maintained this value and in some cases improved it.



Directions to work sites

Adams Road Sanctuary - Meet at the corner of Adams Road and Sylvester Road, off Grange Road.

Barnwell East LNR - Meet at the reserve entrance on Uphall Road, off Coldhams Lane.

East Pit SSSI - Meet at the entrance of the nature reserve on Lime Kiln Road.

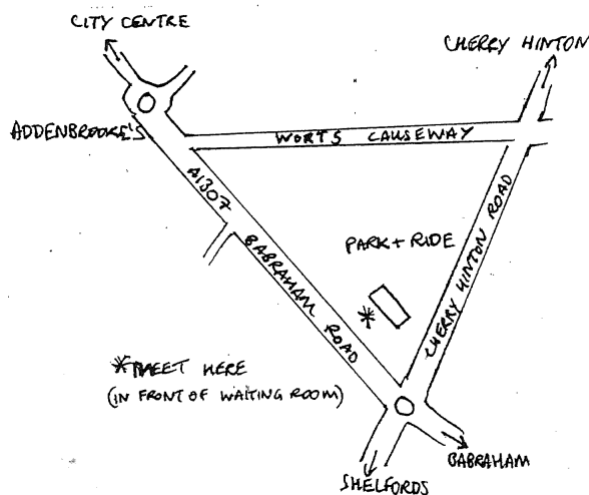
Sheeps Green LNR - Meet at the northern end of the Cambridge Canoe Club compound.

Stephen Perse Foundation nature reserve - Meet at the playing field gates on Latham Close off Latham Road off Trumpington Road near Botanic Gardens.

Stourbridge Common - Meet at the entrance to the site at the eastern end of Riverside, off of Newmarket Road.

West Pit SSSI - The meeting point is at the entrance to East Pit nature reserve on Lime Kiln Road, Cherry Hinton.

BABRAHAM ROAD PARK AND RIDE



The Trust has now combined the two volunteer conservation teams into one. Now working solely on Wednesdays the team will carry out essential conservation management on wildlife sites within Cambridge and in the surrounding parishes.

For sites in the City the team will meet there, for those out of the city volunteers can either make their own way to the site, or can meet at the Babraham Road Park and Ride site at 9.30am for a lift.

Things you need to know

Bring a packed lunch.

Wear old clothes, strong shoes and bring waterproofs.

All tools and necessary training is provided.

Arrive at site the work site for 9.30am and finish by 3.30pm.

Don't forget your tetanus jab.

And most importantly of all...tea and biscuits are provided.

Details on how to get to each site can be found on this leaflet.

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