

Conservation Volunteering

Throughout the year, the Wildlife Trust runs volunteer work groups on most Wednesdays and Thursdays. Wildlife Trust staff or Volunteer Officers lead these tasks, and although the work is of a physical nature it can be tailored to suit volunteers of all ages and abilities.

Most sites are away from towns, so bring a packed lunch and something to drink. You will also need to bring stout shoes, boots or wellies and should wear old clothes that may get dirty and worn. The Trust supplies all tools, training and supervision – all we ask of volunteers is enthusiasm, and an interest in your local countryside.

New volunteers are asked to contact the Trust to arrange an informal chat with one of our Reserves Officers prior to starting.

Transport arrangements

Come and meet us at **Lings Local Nature Reserve** to be ready to leave at **9.25am Wednesdays** and **9.00am Thursdays**; the Trust office is sign-posted from Lings Way. We normally get back to Lings at around 4.00pm.

Alternatively you can meet us on site, but please telephone beforehand to confirm that you are coming and that the task is still going ahead at that location.

See our website, www.wildlifebcn.org for directions to our sites and more information about the Trust.

PROTECTING THE COUNTRYSIDE

The Wildlife Trust for Northamptonshire is part of the Wildlife Trusts partnership, and is the only voluntary organisation in Northamptonshire wholly concerned with all aspects of the protection of wildlife in town and countryside. The Trust manages over 45 reserves in Northamptonshire, all of which need work to maintain and increase their value as important sites for wildlife and people.

We need volunteers to help with this management of our reserves. In return for your help, we will teach you traditional countryside management skills, such as hedgelaying and coppicing. This gives you the opportunity to visit some of the best sites for wildlife in the county, while you are helping to improve your local environment.

For more information about the work that we carry out, or about the Trust, please contact us by calling (01604) 405285 or by writing to:

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Northampton,
NN3 8BE.

Or by email:
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Practical Conservation Days



*Enjoy a day out
volunteering with the
Wildlife Trust in
Northamptonshire*

*July to September
2018*

July

Wednesday 4th No task

This is an all staff training day – so no task.

Thursday 5th Old Sulehay

Small scrub clearance / tree popping, with a small chance of ragwort pulling.

Weds 11th and Thurs 12th Nene Wetlands

Working in Wilson's Pits to repair a bird hide and boardwalk as well as path clearance.

Weds 18th and Thurs 19th High Wood / Ramsden Corner

Bracken pulling – in case any survived from the June task! + fence line clearing.

Wednesday 25th Titchmarsh

Removal of small willow from the ring ditch in Big Meadow

Thursday 26th 'The Bunker'

A much needed tidy up of our storage space near Yardley Hastings (meet at Lings only).

August

Weds 1st and Thurs 2nd Bradlaugh Fields

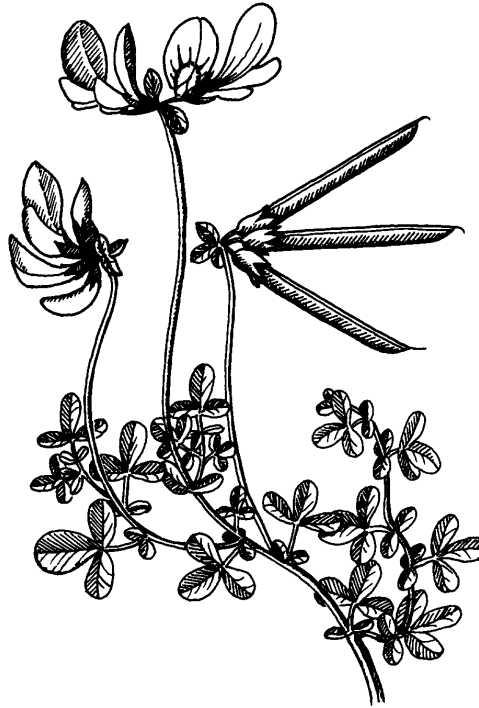
Mowing and cutting small scrub on the Scrub Field and Orchid Bank.

Wednesday 8th Storton's Pits

Mowing the Butterfly Meadow area in the yearly haycut.

Thursday 9th Kingsthorpe

A mixture of fencing, path clearance and ragwort pulling.



August

Weds 15th and Thurs 16th Summer Leys

Cutting and raking the car park meadow.

Wednesday 22nd King's Wood

Mowing the rides and launds and keeping the paths clear on this ancient woodland site.

Thursday 23rd – Stoke Bruerne

Clearing vegetation off fence lines and a small section of fencing repair.

Weds 29th and Thurs 30th Collyweston

Clearing bramble / small scrub / finishing off fencing.

September

Weds 5th and Thurs 6th Summer Leys

Clearing the islands of vegetation.

Weds 12th and Thurs 13th Nene Wetlands

Fringing willow removal.

Weds 19th and Thurs 20th Nene Wetlands

Fringing willow removal.

Weds 26th and Thurs 27th Titchmarsh

Clearing the islands of vegetation and the big meadow of scrub.

Please ring the Trust on (01604) 405285 before coming out as task details may be subject to change.