

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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Practical Conservation Days



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

*October to
December 2018*

October

Wednesday 3rd & Thursday 4th

Summer Leys - Mowing the islands and burning the arisings then various opportunities to cut and burn scrub or willow around this wetland site. Bring your bins – there are likely to be some birds around!

Wednesday 10th & Thursday 11th

Storton's Pits - Cutting and burning an area of the reedbed and clearing willow from the reedbed. Wellies would be a very good idea if you have them.

Wednesday 17th & Thursday 18th

Collyweston – Clearing scrub from this flower rich ex-quarry site in the north of the county to protect the rare limestone-loving flowering plants.

Wednesday 24th & Thursday 25th

Titchmarsh – Removing willow growth from the Titchmarsh reed bed to maintain the health of the reeds. As with Storton's wellies might be a very good idea!

Wednesday 31st & Thursday 1st

Nene Wetlands

Cutting and burning fringing willow from the Higham Ferrers area of the site.



November

Thursday 1st

Nene Wetlands – see 31st October.

Wednesday 7th & Thursday 8th

Lilbourne - Hedgelaying and scrub clearance on this recently aquired site which has loads of potential for future improvement.

Wednesday 14th & Thursday 15th

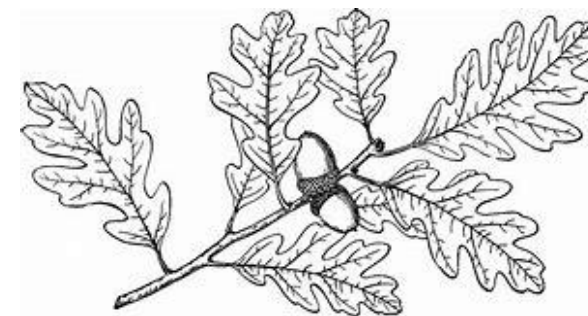
Old Sulehay – Cutting back a section of one of the rides in this ancient woodland to improve the habitat for flowering plants and the many nectar-eating insects which rely on them.

Wednesday 21st & Thursday 22nd

Pitsford – A chance to cut and burn scrub and sycamore on this wonderful wetland site.

Wednesday 28th & Thursday 29th

High Wood – Coppicing an area of this magical ancient woodland to maintain some light and open areas for flowers and insects.



December

Wednesday 5th & Thursday 6th

Summer Leys - Task to be confirmed.

Wednesday 12th & Thursday 13th

Nene Wetlands - task to be confirmed.

Wednesday 19th & Thursday 20th

Lings Wood - Cutting and burning rhododendron and cutting back some paths to make mowing easier next year. There may be one or two mince pies around!

Wednesday 26th & Thursday 27th

No Task – Happy Christmas!

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