

# Programme January - March 2019

*This list may change at short notice, please ring first to confirm*

## JANUARY

- 2<sup>nd</sup> **NO TASK**
- 9<sup>th</sup> **Haslingfield Pit** – Always a great place to start the year at, this little jewel of chalk grassland in a veritable sea of farmland, supports a wide range of chalk grassland plants, including the nationally scarce, Man Orchid. With great views over Cambridge and the surrounding landscape it is guaranteed that there will be no cobwebs left hanging around by the end of this task! - **Meet at Babraham Road Park and Ride.**
- 16<sup>th</sup> **Coldham's Common County Wildlife Site\*** - Coldhams Common is one of the most important sites for wildlife in Cambridge, holding significant areas of species rich grassland as well as areas of scrub and chalk streams. Without suitable management its value would decline. That is why it is essential for the team to head out, tree poppers in hand, to clear away the encroaching scrub.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> **Roman Road SSSI** – A regular site for the team to visit and undertake essential scrub clearance and grass cutting. Without the team the rich chalk grassland flora, and associated fauna, would soon diminish. - **Meet at Babraham Road Park and Ride.**
- 30<sup>th</sup> **Ickleton Pit** – Another small, but very significant site, for the team to keep in good shape. As well as the wide range of chalk grassland plants found here, Roman snails and winter stalkball (a fungi) also make Ickleton Pit their home. - **Meet at Babraham Road Park and Ride.**

## FEBRUARY

- 6<sup>th</sup> **Roman Road SSSI** – As above - **Meet at Babraham Road Park and Ride.**
- 13<sup>th</sup> **Wellcome Trust, Hinxton** – This site may not be a SSSI or County Wildlife Site and it was only created just over 15 years ago, but this site is fast becoming an essential link in a corridor of habitat found along the upper reaches of the River Cam. From pyramidal orchids, to wintering water rail via glow worms, this site supports an impressive array of wildlife. But as with all sites it needs to be managed and that is where the team steps in! - **Meet at Babraham Road Park and Ride**
- 20<sup>th</sup> **Coldham's Common CWS\*** – As above
- 27<sup>th</sup> **Hayley Wood SSSI** – Another chance for the team to work in this internationally recognised semi-natural ancient woodland. The team will be helping to burn up the waste material from the winter's coppicing work that helps maintain the important populations of woodland flowers, insects and much more besides. - **Meet at Babraham Road Park and Ride**

## MARCH

- 6<sup>th</sup> **Barnwell East LNR\*** - A keystone site in the East Cambridge wildlife corridor, Barnwell East holds species rich grassland, areas of scrub and trees as well as a pond. Unfortunately, several invasive plant species and scrub 'growing in the wrong place' need to be dealt with to maintain this sites great value.
- 13<sup>th</sup> **West Pit SSSI\*** – Another former chalk pit with a great view, this site holds the best chalk grassland in Cambridge, by a country mile! To keep the grassland so rich in species the team will need to clear encroaching scrub and cut the areas of ranker grasses.
- 20<sup>th</sup> **Coldham's Common CWS\*** – As above.
- 27<sup>th</sup> **Barnwell East LNR\*** – As above.



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\*Tasks on Local Nature Reserves are carried out in partnership with Victoria Smith, Community Reserves Officer who will jointly lead these days. For more information on Local Nature Reserve's in Cambridge, contact Victoria Smith.

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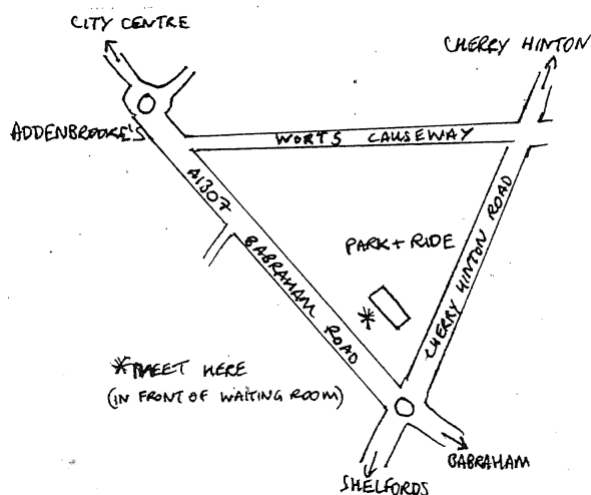
## Directions to work sites

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

**Coldhams Common LNR, The Triangle and Rifle Butts** – Meet at the layby on Barnwell Road opposite Camgas plc.

**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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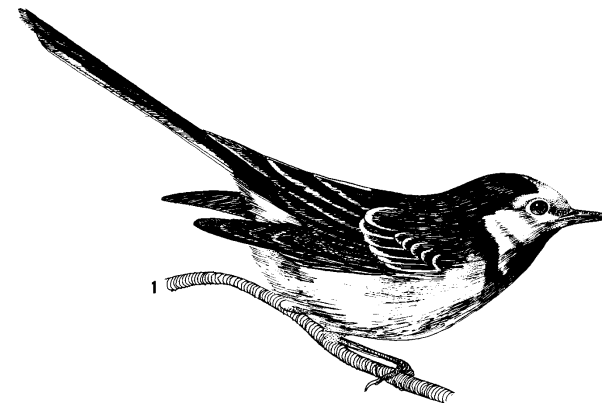
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# CAMBRIDGE MIDWEEK CONSERVATION TEAM

## Task Sheet



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