

Conservation Volunteering

Throughout the year, the Wildlife Trust BCN runs volunteer work parties which are of a physical nature but can be tailored to suit volunteers of all ages and abilities. For more information on work parties please go to www.wildlifebcn.org/get-involved/volunteer/work-parties.

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.

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 **9am** on **both Wednesdays and 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 fencing 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. The Trust also runs Wildlife Training Workshops, which can be free for long-term, regular volunteers.

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.



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Practical Conservation Days



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

*January to February
2019*

January

Wednesday 2nd Titchmarsh

Scrub clearance on this reserve important for overwintering birds.

Thursday 3rd Titchmarsh

Continuing with yesterday's work.

Wednesday 9th King's Wood

Coppicing in this ancient remnant of the Rockingham Forest.

Thursday 10th King's Wood

Continuing with yesterday's work.

Wednesday 16th Short Wood

Coppicing in this SSSI woodland, near Oundle.

Thursday 17th Short Wood

Continuing yesterday's woodland work.

Wednesday 23rd Old Sulehay

Scrub clearance on calcareous grassland to improve the site for plants and insects.

Thursday 24th Old Sulehay

Continuing with yesterday's work.

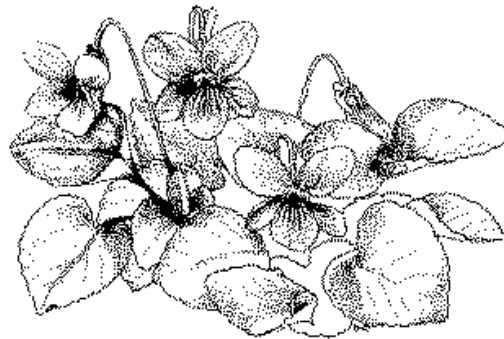
Wednesday 30th Southwick Wood

Woodland work in this bluebell wood, near Oundle.

Thursday 31st Southwick Wood

Continuing yesterday's task.

Please note: from January 2019 we will be leaving Lings Local Nature Reserve at 9am on Wednesdays AND Thursdays



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

February

Wednesday 6th High Wood and Meadow

Scrub clearance on the acid grassland, or coppicing in the wood.

Thursday 7th High Wood and Meadow

Continuing with yesterday's work.

Wednesday 13th Woodford Halse

Scrub clearance to help manage the site for butterflies and wildflowers.

Thursday 14th Woodford Halse

Continuing with yesterday's work.

Wednesday 20th Old Sulehay

Scrub clearance or ride management on this diverse reserve.

Thursday 21st Old Sulehay

Continuing with yesterday's work.

Wednesday 27th location to be confirmed

Completing our winter work on one of our nature reserves.

Thursday 28th location to be confirmed

Completing our winter work on one of our nature reserves.

March – programme to be decided on and sent out in February.