

## 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](http://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](http://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*

*May to June 2019*

## May

### **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Collyweston.** Fencing work to allow us to graze this beautiful flower-rich grassland.

### **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Old Sulehay.** Continuing scrub popping on Sammocks. Wonderful views and a very satisfying job!

### **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Barford.** Fencing work on this site with a chance to look at the SSSI grassland at its best.

### **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>**

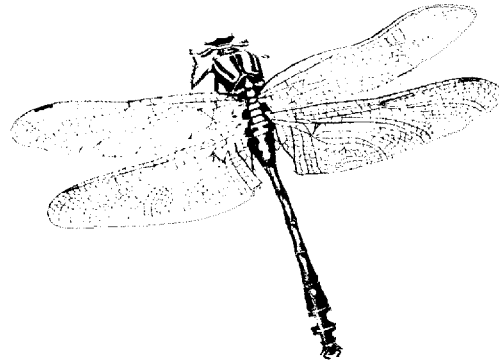
**Wicksteed.** Fencing and bramble control in this botanically-rich water meadow.

### **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Old Sulehay.** More work rescuing this area of limestone grassland by scrub popping.

### **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Storton's Pits.** Cutting back paths and repairing the boardwalk. Bring your bins for a bit of birding!



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



## June

### **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>**

**High Wood.** Bracken pulling to clear the encroaching bracken from the grassland next to the wood.

### **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Ramsden Corner.** Bracken pulling to maintain this lovely little acid grassland site.

### **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Stoke Bruerne.** Ragwort pulling to allow us to continue grazing this old brick works site.

### **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>**

Task & location to be advised.

### **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Old Sulehay.** Ragwort pulling and path cutting with a walk around site in the afternoon.