

2019 Mid-Week Programme July to September

This list may change at short notice please ring first or meet at the pick up point

JULY

- 3rd Lime Kiln Close LNR** – One of a group of three chalk pits of various ages each with its own character and interest. The oldest of the group this site has a large amount of secondary woodland, but still holds some small areas of open grassland with chalk loving plants. The team will be clearing this to help reduce the less desirable, more vigorous plants such as thistle, false oat grass and nettles.
- 10th Barnwell East LNR** – This lovely site needs a bit of help with keeping the likes of goldenrod, Michaelmas daisy and rosebay willowherb at bay!
- 17th Bourn Brook** – Only one visit to the golf course section of the Brook this year, because the team have done so much good work over the years. Good numbers of volunteers will still be required to sweep up the last of any remaining Himalayan Balsam plants. Apparently there will be chocolate brownies on offer!!! Please contact Ruth Hawksley on 07545 423854 for more details (on the task not the brownies!).
- 24th Barnwell East** – As above.
- 31st Bourn Brook** – As above, but this task will be further downstream, not quite into un-charted waters for the team, but definitely not the golf course! The presence of chocolate brownies will rely on the success of the task on the 17th!!! Please contact Ruth Hawksley on 07545 423854 for more details.

AUGUST

- 7th NO TASK**
- 14th Barnwell East** – As above.
- 21st To Be Confirmed.** Please contact Iain Webb on 07734 478461 for details.
- 28th Adams Road Sanctuary CWS** – Time for the team to keep this important site in good condition. There will be glade and ride cutting, reed and pond clearance to name but four tasks.

SEPTEMBER

- 4th Adams Road Sanctuary CWS** – As above.
- 11th Stephen Perse School nature reserve, aka Perse Girls School** – This visit is in preparation for the new school term, when the site will be used for outdoor education. The team will help clear part of the reedbed, open up the boardwalk, clear vegetation from the pond and cut part of the meadow to help maintain the value and interest of this important City Wildlife Site.
- 18th Haslingfield Pit CWS** – A bit of a disappointing count of man orchid this season, most likely due to the recent dry weather rather than the current management. The team will continue the great work in expanding the area of chalk grassland on the site, by clearing back scrub and cutting and clearing the all-important species rich grassland already found on site.
- 25th West Pit SSSI** – The small sites within the city boundaries may not seem important other than for the more common species of plant and animal. However, West Pit is only one of six sites in the UK to hold a population of moon carrot! This plant is a relative of wild carrot, a common and valuable species found throughout the UK, and looks very similar to it. Without the management carried out by the team over time the population of moon carrot, and the many other species of plants and animals that make this site their home, would not be so healthy.



Directions to work sites

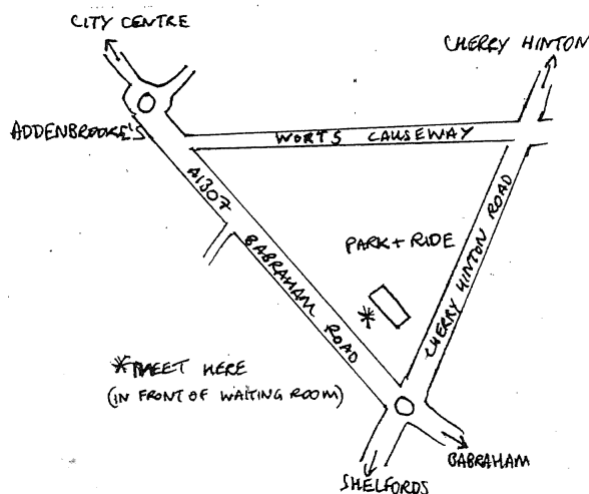
Adams Road Sanctuary - Meet at the corner of Adams Road and Sylvester Road, off Grange Road.

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

Stephen Perse Foundation nature reserve - Meet at the playing field gates on Latham Close off Latham Road off Trumpington Road near Botanic Gardens.

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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