

## 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*

***July to August 2019***

## July

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>**

### **Lings**

Path clearance and fixing benches on this popular Local Nature Reserve.

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>**

### **Woodford Halse**

Fencing on these old railway cuttings.

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>**

### **Old Sulehay**

Small scrub clearance / tree popping, with a small chance of ragwort pulling.

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>**

### **High Wood and Meadow/Ramsden Corner**

Bracken pulling – in case any survived from the June task!

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>**

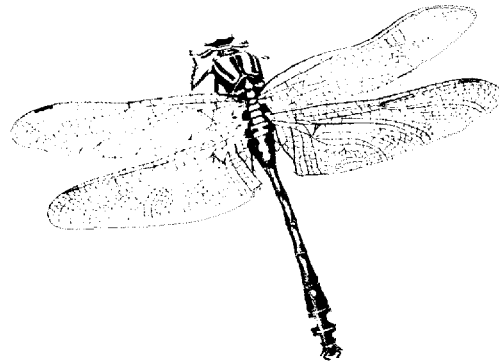
### **High Wood and Meadow/Ramsden Corner**

More bracken pulling on these acid grasslands.

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup>**

### **Storton's Pits**

Mowing the Butterfly Meadow area in the yearly hay cut.



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



## August

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>**

### **Storton's Pits**

Continuing with yesterday's work.

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>**

### **Bradlaugh Fields**

Mowing and cutting small scrub on the Scrub Field and Orchid Bank.

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>**

### **Summer Leys**

Cutting and raking the car park meadow.

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

### **King's Wood**

Mowing the rides and launds and keeping the paths clear on this ancient woodland site.

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>**

### **Titchmarsh**

Cutting willow and reedbeds on this wetland reserve within a Special Protection Area.