

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 Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire & 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:

Lings House, Billing Lings,
Northampton,
NN3 8BE.



**Bedfordshire
Cambridgeshire
Northamptonshire**

Practical Conservation Days



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

*September to
November 2019*

September

Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th Summer Leys

The start of our winter work! Removing fringing willow on this wetland reserve.

Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th Nene Wetlands

Scrub clearance in the heart of the Nene Valley Living Landscape.

Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th Nene Wetlands

More scrub clearance within this 667 acre internationally important wetland reserve.

Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th Titchmarsh

Scrub clearance within the Upper Nene Valley Gravel Pits Special Protection Area.

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

October

Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd Summer Leys

Our annual trip out to cut the islands!

Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th Storton's Pits

Scrub removal in the heart of Northampton.

Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th Pitsford

Woodland work around this Site of Special Scientific Interest for wintering and breeding birds.

Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th Titchmarsh

Scrub clearance on this wetland reserve.

Wednesday 30th and Thursday 31st Woodford Halse

Scrub clearance and fencing on these flower-rich former railway cuttings.

November

Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th Lilbourne Meadows

Fencing and traditional hedgelaying on our newest reserve.

Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th Collyweston Quarries

Scrub clearance on this SSSI calcareous grassland.

Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st King's Wood

Coppicing in part of the Rockingham Forest.

Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th Old Sulehay

Ride clearance in this ancient woodland.

