

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*

*December 2019 to
February 2020*

December

Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th

Barford Wood and Meadows

Hedgelaying within part of the Rockingham Forest Living Landscape.

Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th

High Wood and Meadow

Coppicing, scrub clearance and general woodland work within an ancient woodland.

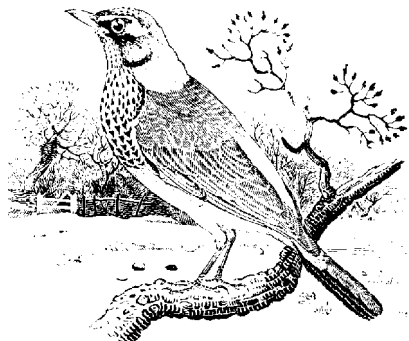
Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th

Old Sulehay

Woodland work to help improve the ground flora on this diverse reserve.

Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th

No task. Merry Christmas!



January

Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd

No task. Happy New Year!

Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th

Short Wood

Coppicing in a designated Site of Special Scientific Interest.

Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th

Short Wood/Southwick Wood

Woodland work within part of the old Rockingham Forest.

Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd

Summer Leys

Willow clearance on part of the Nene Valley Living Landscape.

Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th

High Wood and Meadow

Traditional woodland work in the south of the county.

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

February

Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th

Wicksteed Park

Scrub clearance on this scheduled ancient monument.

Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th

Bradlaugh Fields

Scrub clearance on this urban flower-rich limestone grassland.

Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th

Location - TBC

Scrub clearance/woodland work on one of our reserves.

Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th

Location - TBC

A final week of scrub clearance before the start of the bird-breeding season.

