

Programme January - March 2020

This list may change at short notice, please ring first to confirm

JANUARY

- 1st **NO TASK**
- 8th **Haslingfield Pit CWS** – There is no better site to start the 2020 midweek volunteer team than this. Long-reaching views over the surrounding countryside mixed with the sheltered nature of the site make it so special. That and the presence of an expanding area of species rich chalk grassland. The team will continue to facilitate this expansion by clearing scrub! **Meet at Babraham Road Park and Ride.**
- 15th **Coldhams Common CWS** – After a couple of years during which time the team hasn't been able to visit as often as required the scrub has taken hold and the species rich grassland is starting to suffer. So, over the next couple of months there is a need to knock back the scrub in various parts of the site making sure by the onset of Spring the pyramidal orchids, bird's-foot trefoil, spiny restharrow and the rest of the plant species that make this site of County importance, have a chance to flourish and bloom.
- 22nd **Roman Road SSSI** – This will be the last visit to this wonderful site by the team before the onset of Spring. The team has managed to achieve a great deal so far this clearance season. There is still plenty of work to do, clearing scrub and cutting grass but all bodes well for a very colourful growing season. **Meet at Babraham Road Park and Ride.**
- 29th **Barnwell East LNR** – This is another site that has had less visits by the team than desired, but hopefully over the next few months there will be sufficient visits by the team to make sure the site is ready for Spring!

FEBRUARY

- 5th **Coldhams Common CWS** – As above.
- 12th **Wellcome Trust, Hinxton** – After last year's very successful scrub clearance along the green lane the team are venturing forth to the grassland on this precious site to clear the encroaching scrub. **Meet at Babraham Road Park and Ride**
- 19th **To be confirmed. Please contact Iain Webb on 07734 478461 for further information.**
- 26th **Beechwoods NR** – This lovely site, just outside the city, hasn't had a visit from the team for a couple of years. Previous work opened up a rapidly disappearing corridor of grassland allowing sunlight to reach it and give it new lease of life. The recent discovery of the, once thought to be extinct in the county, small blue butterfly on site in 2019 shows how important it is to maintain species-rich chalk grassland, wherever it may be! Being so close to the city the team will be meeting on site. Directions to the site can be found on the back of this leaflet.

MARCH

- 4th **Barnwell East LNR** – As above.
- 11th **West Pit SSSI** – This site has the best view of any in the city, Ely cathedral can be seen on a clear day. However, its value as a Site of Special Scientific Interest is in the plants, usually less than 30 centimetres high! As always, scrub clearance is the main task with a small amount of grass cutting thrown in for good measure!
- 18th **Barnwell East LNR** – As above.
- 25th **Coldhams Common CWS** – As above.



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*Tasks on Local Nature Reserves are carried out in partnership with Victoria Smith, Community Reserves Officer who will jointly lead these days. For more information on Local Nature Reserve's in Cambridge, contact Victoria Smith.

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Directions to work sites

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

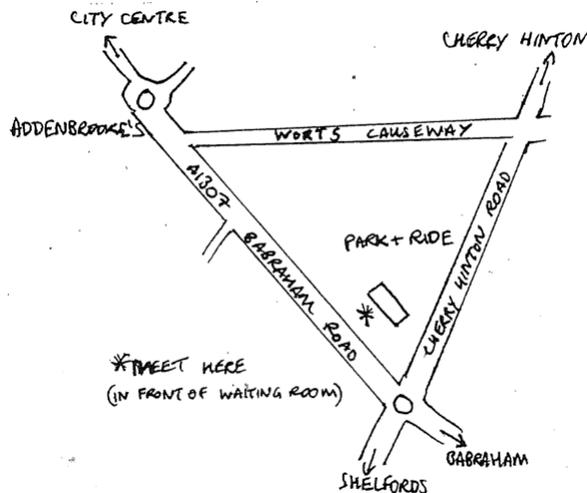
Beechwoods NR - Meet at the entrance to the nature reserve on Worts Causeway.

Clare Wood - Meet at the far end of Bentley Road, off Trumpington Road.

Coldhams Common LNR, The Triangle and Rifle Butts - Meet at the layby on Barnwell Road opposite Camgas plc.

West Pit SSSI - Access can be a little challenging, but the reserve can be accessed from just inside the entrance of the caravan park on the left, or at the top of Lime Kiln Road. The work site is at the highest part of the site.

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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CAMBRIDGE MIDWEEK CONSERVATION TEAM

Task Sheet



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