

# Practical conservation work parties



**Worcestershire  
Wildlife Trust**

**Practical conservation volunteers spend their time helping us on our nature reserves. It is an active role, great for keeping fit and a great way to socialise.**

**Our roving group meets twice a week and helps to manage sites all over the county. Alternatively, you can stick to one reserve and see how it changes through the seasons.**

**For any of our practical conservation groups you need to wear: fieldwork/gardening clothes, sturdy boots or wellingtons and gardening gloves. Waterproofs are also recommended.**

**You will need to bring lunch and refreshments for yourself. Please bear in mind that there are no facilities on our reserves.**

**Please see the final page for information about booking onto tasks for the foreseeable future.**

# Diary of Roving group tasks



Crab Spider on Heath Spotted Orchid by Ruthie Cooper

Date	Reserve	Task	Leader
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Hardwick Green Meadows/ Hill Court Farm	Thistle/ragwort pulling	DM
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Button Oak	Bracken control	AH
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	The Knapp and Papermill	Thistle and dock control	DC
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> July	Humpy Meadow	Brushcutting Deschampsia	ER
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> August	Bewdley meadows	Balsam pulling	AH
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> August	The Knapp and Papermill	Balsam control and/or bracken bashing	DC
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> August	Grafton Wood	Blackthorn cutting	ER
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> August	Hill Court Farm	Reed cutting	DM
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Pound Green Common	Bracken control/scrub clearance	AH
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	Eades Meadow	Mowing	ER
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	Tiddesley Wood	Coppicing	DM
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	The Knapp and Papermill	Mowing Papermill Meadow	DC + IT and trainees
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	Brotheridge Green	Mowing	DM

## Work parties on nature reserves

Reserve work parties are a great way to look after wildlife local to you. We have nature reserves across the county and many of them have a work party to help us maintain them.

Tasks often include coppicing, pond clearance, scrub control, fencing and invasive species removal.

The groups are friendly, sociable and a great way of keeping fit.

Please get in touch at [volunteer@worcestershireswildlifetrust.org](mailto:volunteer@worcestershireswildlifetrust.org)

WEEKEND	RESERVE	CONTACT	LOCATION (nearest village/town)	TIME OF YEAR
3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month	The Devil's Spittleful 10-2	Scott Dallow 07809 127227 sgd211mac@googlemail.com	Bewdley DY12 1PU	All year round
Last Saturday of the month	Hill Court Farm 10.30-3	Sara Burton 07932 084016 wildmoonsara@gmail.com	Longdon GL20 6BD	All year round
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month	Hollybed Farm Meadows 10am	Andrew Forecast 01684 891810/07964 991887 aforecast@yahoo.com	Castlemorton WR13 6BY	All year round
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month	Ipsley Alders Marsh 10am	Margot Bish 01527 60004 margotbish@outlook.com	Redditch B98 0PS	All year round
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month	Monkwood 10am	Phil Adams 07725 622342 pdadamsrainbow@gmail.com	Sinton Green WR2 6NX	Sept-Apr
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month	South Birmingham reserves	John Buckley 01905 773245/01214396811 sue.vanh@talktalk.net	Various	Sept-Apr
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month	Blackhouse Wood 10am	Tony Simpson 07580 571057 tonysimpson.1945@hotmail.co.uk	Suckley WR6 5DW	Sept-Apr
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month	Trench Wood	Dom Cragg 01905 754919 dom@worcestershireswildlifetrust.org	Himbleton WR9 7LW	Sept-Apr
Last Sunday of the month	Piper's Hill 10am	Chris Jewson 07854 013997 chrisjewson@sky.com	Pipers Hill B60 4AT	All year round
Last Sunday of the month	Wilden Marsh 10-3	Mike Griffiths 07836 748588 mikeatwildenmarsh@hotmail.co.uk	Kidderminster DY13 9JT DY10 1YA	All year round

WEEKDAY	RESERVE	CONTACT	LOCATION (nearest village/town)	TIME OF YEAR
1 <sup>st</sup> Monday	Penorchard Meadows 10am	Andy Harris 01905 754919 andyh@worcestershireswildlifetrust.org	Halesowen B62 0NG	All year round
2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday	Broadway Gravel Pit 10am	Steve Hill sentinel.leedons@gmail.com	Broadway WR12 7NT	All year round
1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday	Windmill Hill 10am	Tracy Sutton 07817 450420 tracysutton@bettsecology.com	Littleton WR11 8QS	All year round
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	Wilden Marsh 10-3	Mike Griffiths 07836 748588 mikeatwildenmarsh@hotmail.co.uk	Kidderminster DY13 9JT DY10 1YA	All year round
Every Tuesday	Roving (various)	Iain Turbin 01905 754919 iain@worcestershireswildlifetrust.org	Lower Smite WR3 8SZ	All year round
Every Tuesday	Lower Smite Farm	Caroline Corsie 01905 754919 caroline@worcestershireswildlifetrust.org	Lower Smite WR3 8SZ	All year round
Every Wednesday	Feckenham	Jon Everard 07476 211450 everardsimpson@hotmail.com	Feckenham B96 6JL	Sept-Apr
2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday	South West meadows reserves group	Andrew Forecast 01684 891810/07964 991887 aforecast@yahoo.com	Various	Sept-Apr
3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	Northern reserves group	Andy Harris 01905 754919 andyH@worcestershireswildlifetrust.org	Various	All year round
Every Wednesday	Grafton Wood 10am	John Tilt 07957 711031 john.tilt2@btopenworld.com	Grafton Flyford WR7 4LG	Sept-Apr
Last Wednesday	Tiddesley Wood	David Molloy 01905 754919 davidm@worcestershireswildlifetrust.org	Pershore WR8 9AX	All year round
Every Thursday	Chaddesley Wood	Mervyn Needham 01562 777461 mervynandrose@btconnect.com	Woodcote Green DY10 4NX	Sept-Apr
Every Thursday	The Knapp and Papermill	Brian Illes 01684 575336 iles5349@btinternet.com	Alfrick WR6 5HR	All year round
Every Thursday	Trench Wood and Droitwich Woods	Dom Cragg 01905 754919 dom@worcestershireswildlifetrust.org	Himbleton WR9 7LW	All year round
Every Thursday	Roving (various)	Iain Turbin 01905 754919 iain@worcestershireswildlifetrust.org	Lower Smite WR3 8SZ	All year round
3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	Monkwood 10am	Dom Cragg 01905 754919 dom@worcestershireswildlifetrust.org	Sinton Green WR2 6NX	Sept-Apr

## Booking onto our work parties during Covid restrictions

In line with Government guidelines, we are currently trying to limit the number of volunteers on tasks and are asking our volunteers to book onto tasks in advance. If you are joining a roving volunteer task, please return a completed task booking form (below) indicating the date you wish to join. If you are joining a reserve-based volunteer task then please arrange your attendance with the volunteer reserve manager beforehand. Please note that spaces may fill up and you may not always be able to join a task.

As tasks take place outside there should be no need to wear a mask unless you feel more comfortable doing so or the task leader has asked you to do so. Social distancing guidelines will be maintained throughout the day and we do ask that you ensure you are wearing gloves when handling any tools. All tools should be disinfected after volunteer tasks. For any practical volunteering tasks, we recommend bringing your own hand sanitiser and strong garden gloves if you have them.

As it is not advised to share vehicles with anyone outside of your support bubble, we are not currently using the Trust's minibus and we are instead asking roving volunteers to meet us on site.

If you are interested in joining one of our roving volunteer days, please return a booking form to [iain@worcestershireswildlifetrust](mailto:iain@worcestershireswildlifetrust). Please ensure that you are registered with us first before attending any practical volunteer sessions.

### Booking form

Name			
Task Date			
Task and Location			
First Aid trained (delete as appropriate)	Yes/No	Leadership Trained (delete as appropriate)	Yes/No
Risk Assessment Category: (Low, Moderate, High) (delete as appropriate)			
<b>High risk</b> volunteers <b>cannot</b> attend work parties. <b>Moderate risk</b> volunteers <b>can</b> attend with mitigation agreed with the work party leader.			