

# 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 it change 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 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



Meadow saffron by Iain Turbin

Date	Reserve	Task	Leader
Tuesday 5th October	Hornhill Wood (Himbleton)	Coppicing & scrub clearance	ER
Thursday 7th October	Spinneyfields	Mowing	AH Iain
Tuesday 12th October	Tunnel Hill	Mowing	DM
Thursday 14th October	Badger's Hill	Mowing	ER
Tuesday 19th October	The Devil's Spittleful	Scrub clearance	AH
Thursday 21st October	Mill Meadow	Mowing	DM
Tuesday 26th October	Trench Wood	Coppicing & scrub clearance	DC
Thursday 28th October	Trench Wood	Coppicing & scrub clearance	DC
Tuesday 2nd November	Ipsley Alders Marsh	Scrub clearance	ER
Thursday 4th November	Windmill Hill	Scrub clearance	DM
Tuesday 9th November	Trench Wood	Coppicing	DC
Thursday 11th November	Spinneyfields	Mowing	AH Iain
Tuesday 16th November	Hill Court Farm	Scrub/reed management	DM
Thursday 18th November	Grafton	Scrub clearance	ER
Tuesday 23rd November	Trench Wood	Coppicing	DC
Thursday 25th November	The Devil's Spittleful	Scrub clearance	AH
Tuesday 30th November	Tiddesley Woods	Brush clearing	DM
Thursday 2nd December	Foster's Green	Scrub clearance	ER
Tuesday 7th December	The Devil's Spittleful	Scrub clearance	AH
Wednesday 8th December	TBC	ROVERS WALK	TBC
Thursday 9th December	Hill Court Farm	Hedge-laying	DM
Tuesday 14th December	Trench Wood/Monkwood	Coppicing	DC
Thursday 16th December	Ipsley Alders Marsh	Scrub clearance	ER
Tuesday 21st December	Monkwood	Coppicing	DC
Thursday 23rd December	The Devil's Spittleful	Scrub clearance	AH

## 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	Dom Cragg 01905 754919 dom@worcestershireswildlifetrust.org	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
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

We are continuing 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@worcestershirewildlifetrust.org](mailto:iain@worcestershirewildlifetrust.org)  
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.			