



PRACTICAL CONSERVATION TASKS

OCTOBER
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2011 to 2012

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NOTES FOR TASK LEADERS:
The green Task Leader Forms (all sites), and green Risk Assessment Forms (non-WWT sites) are available from Geoff Parsons at the address shown above.
Tools and equipment for leaders are dealt with by Michael Balfe, contact him on 01373 822573.

Wiltshire Wildlife Conservation Volunteers meet on Saturdays and Sundays, and occasionally during the week, to carry out a wide range of work that helps to maintain and improve conditions for wildlife in Wiltshire.

The work includes using traditional tools and skills to enhance the Wiltshire landscape. No previous practical experience is necessary. Just come along and we will provide the help and training you need.

Tasks are open to anyone. They provide a great opportunity to develop new skills, make new friends and learn more about management of the countryside.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Please complete the attendance slip and return to Nicola Laws, 22 Oakleaze, Minety, Malmesbury, Wiltshire SN16 9RD. Email nlaws@f2s.com
- **HEALTH.** Please ensure you have up-to-date tetanus cover.
- **WHAT TO BRING.** We provide tools, strong gloves and training. All you need to bring is a packed lunch (as most tasks last all day) and plenty of enthusiasm!
- **FOOTWEAR.** We recommend wellington boots or safety boots (ideally with steel toe caps) for most tasks, and walking boots or safety boots for working on steep downland sites.
- **TRANSPORT.** If you need a lift, please contact the area co-ordinator for the task who may be able to arrange transport. We can help to cover your transport costs, but in order to claim, it is essential that your attendance slip, with mileage estimates filled in, is completed and returned as soon as possible.
- WWCV tasks are open to all, but those under 18 **MUST** be accompanied by a responsible adult.
- **INSURANCE.** Volunteers are covered by insurance.

WEEKDAY TASKS

During the summer months, volunteers may be needed for tasks such as keeping nature trails clear, maintaining seats and steps, or removing fallen branches. Often this work has to be arranged at short notice. Volunteers who are free during the week carry out the work when necessary. If you would like to help, please contact Laurie Lovelace, Roselade, Littleworth, Pewsey, Wiltshire SN9 5LF. Telephone 01672 564399, or mobile 07814 526400. On alternate Wednesdays, starting on 5th October through to the end of March, there are tasks at Clanger Wood, between Trowbridge and Westbury (see Task No 17 for details). Please contact Lesley Balfe on 01373 822573 if you wish to help.

ATTENDANCE

Please complete and return the attendance slip as soon as possible. This will allow the leaders to plan the work and contact you in the event of any changes or cancellation. If you are unable to commit to the dates now, you can still join a task - but check first with the relevant task leader to find out if there has been any change of plan. Any last minute changes to the programme will be updated on our website www.wwcv.co.uk

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WORK PROGRAMME 2011 - 2012

All tasks commence at 10.30 a.m.

Queries about tasks should be made to the area co-ordinator or to the task leader where a telephone number is given. Initials of area co-ordinator appear in brackets after name and telephone number of leader.

AREA CO - ORDINATORS

North: Please contact task leader.

South and East: Gerald Shepherd (GS), 56 Mylen Road, Andover, Hampshire SP10 3HG. Telephone: 01 264 393719.

West and Centre: Barbara Stiddard (BS), 9 Church Road, Heywood, Westbury, Wiltshire BA13 4LP. Telephone: 01373 865060.

OCTOBER

1. Saturday 1 October HAM HILL

Scrub clearance.

Meeting place: SU334616. From the A338 Burbage to Hungerford road, turn towards Shalbourne and Ham. Pass through Ham heading south. The reserve is on the left hand side of the road approximately three-quarters of a mile outside of the village. There is no designated parking area. However there is space to park of the southern end of the Reserve by the woodland; continue along the road up the hill and take the next left turn, park here on the verge of the road to Buttermere.

Leader: Lesley Balfe 01373 822573 (BS).

2. Sunday 2 October SMALLBROOK MEADOWS, Warminster

Pond maintenance.

Meeting place: ST881443. From B3414 in Warminster (Boreham Road) at ST882447 turn south along Prestbury Drive. Take the first turn to the right (Southleigh View) then shortly afterwards turn left down the hill (Smallbrook Road). The narrow road bends left then right. Park in the car park on the left after the right-hand bend.

Leader: Clive Thomas 01985 216586 (BS).

3. Saturday 8 October CLOUTS WOOD, Wroughton

Woodland management.

Meeting place: SU138794. Drive into the entrance of Wroughton airfield on the east of the A4361. Follow the road to the left and park behind hanger D4 on the south-east corner of the wood.

Leader: Richard Aisbitt 01793 694680.

4. Saturday 15 October CHICKENGROVE BOTTOM (NE)

Scrub clearance.

Meeting place: SU043216, on the Broad Chalke to Martin road north of the A354.

Leaders: Rob Lloyd and Sue Fitzpatrick 01 722 41 0807 (GS).

5. Sunday 16 October RAVENSROOST WOOD, Minety

Woodland management.

Meeting place: SU023877. The car park at the southern side of the wood.

Leader: Rosie Di Iulio 01249 701178.

6. Saturday 22 October BLACKMOOR COPSE The Vaughan Pickard Reserve, Farley near Salisbury

Woodland management.

Meeting place: SU234288. At Ben Lane crossroads south-east of Farley.

Leader: Gerald Shepherd 01264 393719 (GS).

7. Sunday 23 October BISS WOOD, West Ashton (P)

Woodland management.

Meeting place: ST881567. The entrance to the wood is on the A350 opposite Castle Lodge.

Leader: Barbara Stiddard 01373 865060 (BS).

8. Saturday 29 October MIDDLETON DOWN, Broad Chalke

Scrub clearance.

Meeting place: SU041254. Park in the Broad Chalke church car park. In Broad Chalke, take the Bowerchalke road south at the Queen's Head. The church is on the right before the next road junction. We will have to walk a mile to the reserve entrance at SU045243, but will have 4WD transport for the tools.

Leader: Rod Poynting 01722 322236 (GS).

9. Sunday 30 October THE FIRS, Wood Lane, Brinkworth

Woodland management.

Meeting place: SU047864.

Leader: Nicola Laws 01666 860440.

NOVEMBER

10. Saturday 5 November COOMBE BISSETT DOWN

Scrub clearance.

Meeting place: SU112257. From the A354 at Coombe Bissett turn south on to the Hornington road. After a short distance, turn right up Pennings Drove. The gate into the reserve is a short distance up the hill on the right.

Leader: Peter Hartgill 01722 718388 (GS).

11. Sunday 6 November JONES S MILL

Vera Jeans Nature Reserve, Pewsey
Wetland management.

Meeting place: SU170610. The railway bridge in the lane leading to Anvill's farm from B3087.

Leaders: Jenny Amor and Laurie Lovelace 01672 564399 (BS).

12. Saturday 12 November CLOUTS WOOD, Wroughton

Woodland management.

Meeting place: Details as for Task 3.

Leader: Richard Aisbitt 01793 694680.

13. Sunday 13 November GREAT CHEVERELL HILL (NE)

Scrub clearance.

Meeting place: ST982524. The barn at the top of the hill on the minor road which leaves the B3098 half a mile west of Little Cheverell. Please note change of location from last year.

Leaders: Sarah Grinstead and Geoff Parsons 01225 774540 (BS).

14. Saturday 19 November PEPPERBOX HILL, Whiteparish (NT)

Scrub clearance

Meeting place: SU211248. Park in NT car park off A36 Salisbury to Southampton road, about 4 miles south of Salisbury.

Leaders: Keith Steggall and Gerald Shepherd 01 264 393719 (GS)

15. Sunday 20 November RAVENSROOST WOOD, Minety

Woodland management.

Meeting place: Details as for Task 5.

Leader: Rosie Di Iulio 01249 701178.

16. Saturday 26 November BLACKMOOR COPSE The Vaughan Pickard Reserve, Farley near Salisbury

Woodland management.

Meeting place: Details as for Task 6.

Leader: Rod Poynting 01722 322236 (GS).

DECEMBER

17. Saturday 3 December
CLANGER WOOD, Yarnbrook (WT)
 Woodland management.
Meeting place: ST873538. The entrance to the wood is on the A350 three-quarters of a mile south of Yarnbrook roundabout.
Leader: Lesley Balfe 01373 822573 (BS).

18. Sunday 4 December
BLACKMOOR COPSE
The Vaughan Pickard Reserve, Farley near Salisbury
 Woodland management.
Meeting place: Details as for Task 6.
Leader: Sue Walker 01 722 712713 (GS).

19. Saturday 10 December
CLOUTS WOOD, Wroughton
 Woodland management.
Meeting place: Details as for Task 3.
Leader: Richard Aisbitt 01793 694680.

20. Sunday 11 December
JONES S MILL
Vera Jeans Nature Reserve, Pewsey
 Wetland management.
Meeting place: Details as for Task 11.
Leaders: Jenny Amor and Laurie Lovelace 01672 564399 (BS).

A welcome break during work on downland



Opening up overgrown woodland will improve conditions for many flowers, butterflies and other wildlife

21. Saturday 17 December
MARTIN DOWN (NE)
 Scrub clearance.
Meeting place: SU036200. Large car park off the A354.
Leaders: Rob Lloyd and Sue Fitzpatrick 01 722 41 0807 (GS).

22. Sunday 18 December
RAVENSROOST WOOD, Minety
 Woodland management.
Meeting place: Details as for Task 5.
Leader: Rosie Di Iulio 01 249 701178.

JANUARY 2012

23. Saturday 7 January
CLOUTS WOOD, Wroughton
 Woodland management.
Meeting place: Details as for Task 3.
Leader: Richard Aisbitt 01793 694680.

24. Saturday 7 January
BLACKMOOR COPSE
The Vaughan Pickard Reserve, Farley near Salisbury
 Woodland management.
Meeting place: Details as for Task 6.
Leader: Gerald Shepherd 01264 393719 (GS).

25. Sunday 15 January
RAVENSROOST WOOD, Minety
 Woodland management.
Meeting place: Details as for Task 5.
Leader: Rosie Di Iulio 01249 701178.

26. Saturday 28 January
PEPPERBOX HILL, Whiteparish (NT)
 Scrub clearance.
Meeting place: Details as for Task 4.
Leaders: Keith Steggall and Sue Fitzpatrick 01 722 41 0807 (GS).

27. Sunday 29 January
THE FIRS, Wood Lane, Brinkworth
 Woodland management.
Meeting place: Details as for Task 9.
Leader: Nicola Laws 01666 860440.

The programme for FEBRUARY and MARCH 2012 continues overleaf

ATTENDANCE SLIP

Wiltshire Wildlife Conservation Volunteers

Please complete and return to:- Nicola Laws,
 22 Oakleaze, Minety, Malmesbury, Wiltshire SN16 9RD
 Email nlaws@f2s.com

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

 POSTCODE _____

TELEPHONE _____

E MAIL _____

Please tick all the dates that you hope to attend. This helps leaders to plan the work and the area co-ordinator to inform you if there is any change of plan.

Please tick this box if you WISH to claim petrol mileage ____ and enter your mileage estimate for each task you have ticked.

2011

	I HOPE TO ATTEND	MILEAGE ESTIMATE
1. Saturday 1 October	☐	_____
2. Sunday 2 October	☐	_____
3. Saturday 8 October	☐	_____
4. Saturday 15 October	☐	_____
5. Sunday 16 October	☐	_____
6. Saturday 22 October	☐	_____
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14. Saturday 19 November	☐	_____
15. Sunday 20 November	☐	_____
16. Saturday 26 November	☐	_____

FEBRUARY

28. Saturday 4 February
BISS WOOD, West Ashton (P)
 Woodland management.
Meeting place: Details as for Task 7.
Leaders: Barbara Stiddard 01373 865060 and Gilbert Green (BS).

29. Sunday 5 February
PEPPERBOX HILL, Whiteparish (NT)
 Scrub clearance
Meeting place: Details as for Task 14.
Leaders: Keith Steggall and Rod Poynting 01722 322236 (GS).

30. Saturday 11 February
MARKHAM BANKS, Wroughton
 Hedge management and tree planting.
Meeting place: SU135800. Park at the layby on the A4361 Wroughton to Avebury road, just southeast of Wroughton. Markham Banks is across the road and down the footpath.
Leader: Richard Aisbitt 01793 694680.

31. Sunday 12 February
HAM HILL
 Scrub clearance.
Meeting place: Details as for Task 1.
Leader: Lesley Balfe 01373 822573 (BS).

Tasks take place at Nature Reserves owned or managed by Wiltshire Wildlife Trust except where marked otherwise:

NE - site managed by Natural England
 NT - site owned by The National Trust
 WT - Woodland Trust Nature Reserve
 P - privately owned site

32. Saturday 18 February
PEPPERBOX HILL, Whiteparish (NT)
 Scrub clearance.
Meeting place: Details as for Task 14.
Leaders: Keith Steggall and Sue Fitzpatrick 01722 41 0807 (GS).

33. Sunday 19 February
RAVENSROOST WOOD, Minety
 Woodland management.
Meeting place: Details as for Task 5.
Leader: Rosie Di Iulio 01 249 701178.

34. Saturday 25 February
BLACKMOOR COPSE
The Vaughan Pickard Reserve, Farley near Salisbury
 Woodland management.
Meeting place: Details as for Task 6.
Leader: Gerald Shepherd 01264 393719 (GS).

35. Sunday 26 February
EMMETT HILL MEADOWS, Minety
 Ditch and pond clearance.
Meeting place: SU010907. Park on south side of road verge between Minety and Upper Minety west of Dog Trap Lane.
Leader: Paul Darby 01380 724654.

Picnic in the trees



MARCH

36. Saturday 3 March
BURCOMBE BANK, nr Wilton (NE)
 Scrub clearance.
Meeting place: SU074315, at the barn. Turn off the A30 at Burcombe, along a rough track that goes north, over the railway line, towards Grovely Wood. The track is a bit rough, so please drive slowly.
Leaders: Sarah Grinsted and Rod Poynting 01722 322236 (GS).

37. Saturday 17 March
MIDDLETON DOWN
 Scrub clearance.
Meeting place: Details as for Task 8.
Leader: Rod Poynting 01722 322236 (GS).

38. Sunday 18 March
RAVENSROOST WOOD, Minety
 Woodland management.
Meeting place: Details as for Task 5.
Leader: Rosie Di Iulio 01 249 701178.

39. Saturday 24 March
BOWERCHALKE DOWN (NE)
 Scrub clearance
Meeting place: SU026232. Park at Knowle Farm.
Leader: Rob Lloyd and Sue Fitzpatrick 01 722 41 0807 (GS).

40. Saturday 24 March
MARKHAM BANKS, Wroughton
 Hedge management and tree planting.
Meeting place: Details as for Task 30.
Leader: Richard Aisbitt 01793 694680.

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2012

23. Saturday 7 January (CW)	☐	_____
24. Saturday 7 January (BC)	☐	_____
25. Sunday 15 January	☐	_____
26. Saturday 28 January	☐	_____
27. Sunday 29 January	☐	_____

2012

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28. Saturday 4 February	☐	_____
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39. Saturday 24 March (BD)	☐	_____
40. Saturday 24 March (MB)	☐	_____

(CW) Clouts Wood (BC) Blackmoor Copse

(BD) Bowerchalke Down (MB) Markham Banks