

WILTSHIRE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION VOLUNTEERS

Practical Conservation Tasks 2006 - 2007

Welcome to the Wiltshire Wildlife Conservation Volunteers programme of conservation tasks for the forthcoming autumn and winter. 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. 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.

HEALTH. Please ensure you have up-to-date tetanus cover.

WHAT TO BRING. We provide tools, strong gloves and training. All you need is to bring a packed lunch and plenty to drink (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.

CHILDREN. WWCV tasks are open to all, but those under 16 **MUST** be accompanied by a responsible adult.

INSURANCE. Volunteers are covered by insurance.

WEEKDAY TASKS

During the summer months, tasks such as keeping nature trails clear, maintaining seats and steps, removing fallen branches etc. are carried out. These do not warrant a volunteer task for a whole day and cannot be organised weeks or months ahead. Volunteers who are free on weekdays carry out these tasks when necessary. If you would like to help, please contact the weekday task co-ordinator: - John Rayner, 01264 850459.

On alternate Wednesdays, from October to the end of March, there are tasks at Clanger Wood (see Task No. 20 for details). Please contact either Lesley Balfe Telephone 01373 822573 or John Rayner Telephone 01264 850459 if you wish to help.

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WORK PROGRAMME 2006 - 2007

All tasks commence at 10.30am.

1. Saturday 7 October

COOMBE BISSETT DOWN

Scrub clearance.

Meeting Place: SU112257. From Salisbury, head south-west on the A354 Blandford Forum road as far as Coombe Bissett. In the village, turn left off the A354 immediately after you have crossed the river. 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

2. Sunday 8 October

RAVENSROOST WOOD, Minety

Woodland management e.g. coppicing, ride clearing.

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

Leader: Rosie Di Iulio

3. Saturday 14 October

CHICKENGROVE BOTTOM (EN)

Scrub clearance.

Meeting Place: SU043216. On the Broad Chalke to Martin road.

Leader: Lesley Balfe

4. Saturday 21 October

RESTROP FARM, Purton (EN)

Scrub clearance.

Meeting Place: SU079867. Restrop Farm off Wootton Bassett to Purton road

Leader: Bob Pettit

5. Sunday 22 October

BLACKMOOR COPSE, The Vaughan Pickard Reserve, Farley near Salisbury

Woodland management.

Meeting Place: SU234288. Entrance to the wood three-quarters of a mile south-east of Farley.

Leader: Sue Walker

6. Saturday 28 October

BISS WOOD, West Ashton (P)

Woodland management.

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

Leader: Gilbert Green

7. Sunday 29 October

GREAT CHEVERELL HILL (EN)

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.

Leader: Sarah Grinsted

8. Saturday 4 November

CLOUTS WOOD, Wroughton

Woodland management.

Meeting Place: SU138794. Drive into the entrance of Wroughton aerodrome 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

9. Sunday 5 November

STRATFORD TONY DOWN (EN)

Gorse clearance.

Meeting Place: SU093241. Head south from Salisbury on the A354 Blandford Forum road until about 2 miles south of Coombe Bissett. At SU094237 turn right and park at the farm buildings.

Leader: Lesley Balfe

10. Saturday 11 November

BLACKMOOR COPSE, The Vaughan Pickard Reserve, Farley near Salisbury

Woodland Management.

Meeting Place: SU234288. Entrance to the wood three-quarters of a mile south-east of Farley.

Leader: Piers Mobsby

11. Sunday 12 November

RAVENSROOST WOOD, Minety

Woodland management.

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

Leader: Rosie Di Iulio

12. Saturday 18 November

BRATTON DOWN, Westbury (EN)

Scrub clearance.

Meeting Place: ST897513. The White Horse car park.

Leader: Geoff Parsons

13. Saturday 25 November

SMALLBROOK MEADOWS, Warminster

Coppicing.

Meeting Place: ST881443. From B3414 in Warminster (Boreham Road) at ST882447 turn south along Prestbury Drive. Take 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

14. Saturday 2 December

BISS WOOD, West Ashton (P)

Woodland management.

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

Leader: Gilbert Green

15. Sunday 3 December

CHERHILL DOWN, Cherhill, near Calne (NT)

Scrub clearance.

Meeting Place: SU056702. Byway off A4.

Leader: Rosie Di Iulio

16. Saturday 9 December

CLOUTS WOOD, Wroughton

Woodland management.

Meeting Place: SU138794. Drive into the entrance of Wroughton aerodrome 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

17. Sunday 10 December

BLACKMOOR COPSE, The Vaughan Pickard Reserve, Farley near Salisbury
Woodland Management.

Meeting Place: SU234288. Entrance to the wood three-quarters of a mile south-east of Farley.

Leader: Gerald Shepherd

18. Saturday 16 December

JONES'S MILL, Vera Jeans Nature Reserve, Pewsey

A variety of tasks will be undertaken.

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

Leader: Beverley Heath

19. Sunday 17 December

RAVENSROOST WOOD, Minety

Woodland management.

Mince pies round the bonfire.

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

Leader: Paul Darby

20. Saturday 6 January

CLANGER WOOD, Yarnbrook (WT)

Woodland management.

Meeting Place: ST873538. The entrance to the wood on the A350 one mile south of Yarnbrook roundabout.

Leader: Barbara Stiddard

21. Saturday 13 January

BISS WOOD, West Ashton (P)

Woodland management.

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

Leader: Gilbert Green

22. Saturday 13 January

CLOUTS WOOD, Wroughton

Woodland management.

Meeting Place: SU138794. Drive into the entrance of Wroughton aerodrome 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

23. Saturday 20 January

BLACKMOOR COPSE,

The Vaughan Pickard Reserve, Farley near Salisbury

Coppicing and woodland management.

Meeting Place: SU234288. Entrance to the wood three-quarters of a mile south-east of Farley.

Leader: Sue Walker

24. Sunday 21 January

RAVENSROOST WOOD, Minety

Woodland management.

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

Leader: Rosie Di Iulio

25. Sunday 28 January

SMALLBROOK MEADOWS, Warminster

Various tasks.

Meeting Place: ST881443. From B3414 in Warminster (Boreham Road) at ST882447 turn south along Prestbury Drive. Take 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

26. Sunday 28 January

RESTROP FARM, Purton (EN)

Scrub clearance.

Meeting Place: SU079867. Restrop Farm off Wootton Bassett to Purton road.

Leader: Nicola Coomes

27. Saturday 3 February

GREAT CHALFIELD MANOR (NT)

Coppicing in Lady's Coppice.

Meeting Place: ST860632. Outside Great Chalfield Manor. Park under the trees.

Leader: Rosie Di Iulio

28. Sunday 11 February

RAVENSROOST WOOD, Minety

Woodland management.

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

Leader: Rosie Di Iulio

29. Sunday 11 February

LITTLE DURNFORD DOWN,

The Devenish Reserve

Coppicing, scrub clearance.

Meeting Place: SU128352. Park inside the gate to the reserve north of Lower Woodford village on the east side of the river, or on the road verge near the gate.

Leader: Piers Mobsby

30. Sunday 18 February

CHERHILL DOWN, Cherhill, near Calne (NT)

Scrub clearance in juniper plantation.

Meeting Place: SU056702. Byway off A4.

Leader: Rosie Di Iulio

31. Sunday 18 February

BLACKMOOR COPSE,

The Vaughan Pickard Reserve, Farley near Salisbury

Woodland management.

Meeting Place: SU234288. Entrance to the wood three-quarters of a mile south-east of Farley.

Leader: Gerald Shepherd

32. Saturday 24 February

BRATTON DOWN, Westbury (EN)

Scrub clearance.

Meeting Place: ST897513. The White Horse car park.

Leader: Barbara Stiddard

33. Sunday 25 February

EMMETT HILL MEADOWS, Minety

Ditch and pond clearance and possible hedge maintenance.

Meeting Place: SU010907. Park on south side of road verge between Minety and Upper Minety west of Dog Trap Lane.

Leader: Paul Darby

34. Saturday 3 March

JONES'S MILL,

Vera Jeans Nature Reserve, Pewsey

A variety of tasks will be undertaken.

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

Leader: Beverley Heath

35. Sunday 4 March

SWILLBROOK LAKES

Variety of tasks.

Meeting Place: SU017937. From A429 Malmesbury to Cirencester road turn at Crudwell for Eastcourt. Turn left at Eastcourt for Oaksey. At Oaksey turn right at first mini-roundabout and straight on at next one (for Ashton Keynes). 1.5 miles after railway bridge, take right turning for Minety. The reserve entrance (kissing gates) is on the left about 0.5 mile along this road - opposite Clattinger Farm nature reserve. Park on either side of the road.

Leader: Bob Pettit

36. Saturday 10 March

HIGH CLEAR DOWN, Aldbourne

Scrub clearance on a downland site.

Meeting Place: SU237755. Opposite Dudmore Lodge on the Ogbourne Sr. George to Aldbourne road, 2 miles west of Aldbourne. Meet in the farm yard at end of old wall.

Leader: Richard Aisbitt

37. Sunday 11 March

BLACKMOOR COPSE,

The Vaughan Pickard Reserve, Farley near Salisbury

Woodland management.

Meeting Place: SU234288. Entrance to the wood three-quarters of a mile south-east of Farley.

Leader: Piers Mobsby

38. Saturday 17 March

COOMBE BISSETT DOWN

Scrub clearance.

Meeting Place: SU112257. From Salisbury, head south-west on the A354 Blandford Forum road as far as Coombe Bissett. In the village, turn left off the A354 immediately after you have crossed the river. 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

39. Sunday 18 March

RAVENSROOST WOOD, Minety

Woodland management.

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

Leader: Bob Pettit

40. Saturday 24 March

LANGLEY WOOD, Landford (EN)

Scrub Clearance.

Meeting Place: SU234206. The top of Coles Lane, Witterns Hill, north of the road from Landford to Redlynch.

Leader: Lesley Balfe

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