



Harlow Conservation Volunteers

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TASK PROGRAMME May – November 2012

Sunday 6th May 2012 (extra) – Parndon Wood, leader: Andrew
Wood preparation for Marshgate Spring bridge.

SATURDAY 12TH MAY 2012 – Day out to Knettishall Heath, Suffolk, organiser: LINDA
Plus morning at Weird & Wonderful wood show, Haughley Park in Suffolk.

SUNDAY 13TH MAY 2012 – Stort Valley Meadows, leader COLIN
Spreading soil-sand mix to complete mesh path across orchid meadow and sowing grass seed.

Sunday 20th May 2012 (extra) – Parndon Wood, leader: Andrew
Wood preparation for Marshgate Spring bridge.

SUNDAY 27TH MAY 2012 – Marshgate Spring, leader: ANDREW
Reconstruction of bridge on path to zigzag bridge.

SUNDAY 10TH JUNE 2012 – Stort Valley Meadows, leader: COLIN
Installation of finger posts,
plus after care of new trees on Maymeads Marsh.

SUNDAY 24TH JUNE 2012 – Stort Valley Meadows, leader: DENNIS
Installation of interpretation boards.

SUNDAY 8TH JULY 2012 – Parndon Moat Marsh, leader: LINDA
Willow coppicing by the river and after care of new trees.

SUNDAY 22ND JULY 2012 – Latton Woods, Leader: JOHN
Removal of conifers to restore habitat.

SUNDAY 5TH AUGUST 2012 – Marshgate Spring, leader: DENNIS
Willow control on the marsh.

SUNDAY 19TH AUGUST 2012 – Mark Hall Wood, leader: ANDREW
Construct small bridge on eastern side of wood plus
BBQ and tool maintenance at Parndon Wood (in afternoon if we finish bridge early enough).



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SUNDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER 2012 – Marshgate Spring, leader: LINDA
Clear fallen willows from ditch.

SUNDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 2012 – Parndon Moat Marsh, leader: COLIN
Mow flower bank, plus (if time) sedge cutting.

SATURDAY 29th September – Late summer/autumn day out TBC

SUNDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER 2012 – Maymeads Marsh, leader: JOHN
Reed cutting, plus (numbers permitting) reedmace control.

WEDNESDAY 10th October 2012 – HCV AGM & planning meeting TBC

SUNDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2012 – Stewards School, leader: MARILYN
Mow ancient wildflower meadow and opportunity for apple scrumping.

SUNDAY 28TH OCTOBER 2012 – Carters Mead Wildlife Garden, leader: ANDREW
Bramble bashing & fruit tree maintenance.

SUNDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2012 – Brenthall and Barnsley Wood, leader: ANDREW
Install seat and clear pond.

SUNDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 2012 – Stort Valley Meadows, leader: GARY
Coppice willows by ditch.

Task Information

Tasks start at 10.00am. Most finish at about 3.30-4pm. Everyone is welcome and your help will be valued for whatever time you can spare. However, if you are between 16 and 18 years old your parent or guardian must sign a consent form — please contact the HCV Secretary. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult who will be responsible for them at all times. No previous experience is necessary. Instruction will be given in techniques and safe working practice.

What to bring

You'll need strong footwear (work boots, walking boots, or wellies for wet sites), old (warm) clothes, and waterproofs. Please bring a mug and a packed lunch. Sun protection is advisable (even in winter). We provide tools and protective gear, as well as tea and coffee.

Health and Insurance

Insurance cover is arranged for the group on task. An up-to-date anti-Tetanus injection is strongly advised for most outdoor activities. If you think you may not be covered on this or are concerned about any other health issues, you should consult your GP.