



Harlow Conservation Volunteers

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TASK PROGRAMME December 2012 – June 2013

Saturday 1st December 2012 – Essex Field Club Annual gathering, organiser: COLIN
– at Wat Tyler Country Park, nr Basildon.

SUNDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2012 – Latton Woods, leader COLIN
Opening up a glade for butterflies and wild flowers just off one of the main rides

Friday 14th December – Stewards School Ancient Meadow leader ANDREW
Hedge-laying and dead-hedging along meadow boundary

Wednesday 19th December 2012 – Parndon Wood
pre-Xmas task and Barbeque with GreenTeam and WildSpace Volunteers

SUNDAY 30TH DECEMBER 2012 (Stodge-buster!) – Maunds Wood, leader: ANDREW
Coppicing and dead hedging in this small piece of ancient woodland

SUNDAY 6TH JANUARY 2013 – Hospital & Risdens Wood, leader: MARILYN
Coppicing – HCV's contribution to the coppicing of this year's compartment

WEDNESDAY 9th JANUARY 2013, 7.30pm – Meal out & HCV AGM to be confirmed

SUNDAY 20TH JANUARY 2013 – Latton Woods, leader: DENNIS
Continuing the work from 2012 of felling conifers to open up glade near main "crossrides"

SUNDAY 3rd FEBRUARY 2013 – Stewards School Ancient Meadow, leader: ANDREW
Hedgelaying and dead-hedging along meadow boundary.

SUNDAY 17th FEBRUARY 2013 – Marshgate Spring, Leader: GARY
Reed cutting to maintain marsh, plus path widening

SUNDAY 3rd MARCH 2013 – Stort Valley Meadows (Town Park Marsh), leader: COLIN
Willow coppicing by one of the wide ditches, plus possibly reedmace clearance

SUNDAY 17TH MARCH 2013 – Maymeads Marsh, leader: LINDA
Clearance of reeds in front of Hide



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SUNDAY 31st MARCH 2013 (Easter Sunday) – Hawkenbury Meadow, leader: ANDREW
Coppicing willows to maintain meadow habitat

WEDNESDAY 10th APRIL 2013, 7.00pm – HCV planning meeting to be confirmed
All welcome.

SUNDAY 14TH APRIL 2013 – Parndon Moat Marsh, leader: COLIN
Coppicing willow near riverbank encroaching on marsh, plus repair of a section of boardwalk

SUNDAY 28TH APRIL 2013 – Parndon Moat Marsh, leader: JOHN
Sedge cutting to maintain marsh habitat, plus path widening

SUNDAY 12TH MAY 2013 – Brenthall and Barnsley Wood, leader: ANDREW
Seat installation plus ride widening and/or removal of invasive sycamore

SUNDAY 26TH MAY 2013 (Bank Hol w/e) – Stort Valley Meadows, leader: COLIN
Tree planting aftercare plus path maintenance

SUNDAY 9TH JUNE 2013 – Stort Valley Meadows (Town Park Marsh), leader: DENNIS
Removal of invasive Himalayan Balsam along ditch margins

SUNDAY 23rd JUNE 2013 – Netteswell Plantation, leader: ANDREW
Trail clearance and footbridge inspection/maintenance

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.