TASK PROGRAMME March – SEPTEMBER 2018

 TASK LEADERS

**SUNDAY 11 MARCH**

Vicarage Wood – bramble clearance and hazel coppicing Andrew

Maymead Marsh – planting hawthorn hedging whips Colin

**SUNDAY 25 MARCH**

Parndon Wood – clearing out of ponds by Conservation Centre Linda
and woodworking for Netteswell Plantation bridge Andrew

**SUNDAY 8 APRIL**

Newly restored Stort Valley wildflower meadow (Town Park near Zig Zag bridge)
– installing information sign and possibly mowing path Colin

**SUNDAY 22 APRIL**

Parndon Wood – woodworking for Netteswell Plantation bridge Andrew
HCV tool maintenance John

**SUNDAY 6 MAY (Bank Holiday w/e)**

Parndon Wood – woodworking for Netteswell Plantation bridge Andrew
general maintenance work in the wood Marilyn

**SUNDAY 20 MAY**

Netteswell Plantation – construction of new bridge over Todd Brook Andrew
pos. continue scrub clearance along banks of the brook Marilyn

**SUNDAY 3 JUNE**

Netteswell Plantation – construction of new bridge over Todd Brook Andrew
and pos. continue scrub clearance along banks of the brook Linda

**SUNDAY 17 JUNE**

Maymeads Marsh – eradicating Himalayan balsam Colin

**SUNDAY 1 JULY**

Netteswell Plantation – construction of new bridge over Todd Brook Andrew

**SUNDAY 8 JULY**

Harlow Wildlife Projects celebration event for the newly restored

Stort Valley wildflower meadow (based near Town Park bandstand)

**SUNDAY 15 JULY**

Marshgate Spring – mending boardwalk Colin

**SUNDAY 29 JULY**

Parndon Lock Meadows – wood staining and mending the lookout Colin

**WEDNESDAY 8 AUGUST at 7.30pm**

HCV Planning Meeting at the Moorhen (come earlier for a meal if you like)

**SUNDAY 12 AUGUST**

Day Out: EWT Chafford Gorges Nature Park, Drake Road, Grays RM16 6RW Linda

**SUNDAY 26 AUGUST (Bank Holiday w/e)**

Stort Valley wildflower meadow (Town Park) – eradicating alien species Colin

**SUNDAY 9 SEPTEMBER**

Brenthall and Barnsley Woods – removing sycamore Linda

**SUNDAY 23 SEPTEMBER**

Marshgate Spring – coppicing willow Ilona

**Task Information**

Tasks start at 10.00am. Most finish at about 3–3.30pm. Everybody 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.