



## Harlow Conservation Volunteers

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### 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  
and woodworking for Netteswell Plantation bridge

Linda  
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  
HCV tool maintenance

Andrew  
John

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

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

Andrew  
Marilyn

#### **SUNDAY 20 MAY**

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

Andrew  
Marilyn

#### **SUNDAY 3 JUNE**

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

Andrew  
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.