

# Practical Conservation Days

## April-June 2018



### Joining Instructions:

- To book your place, please text the event leader at least the day before with your name.
- Arrive promptly – it is often difficult to find the work area.
- Wear suitable outdoor clothing (old trousers, long sleeve top) and stout footwear or wellies.
- Children under 16 must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Those aged 16 – 18 must have formal consent (form at [surreywildlifetrust.org/volunteering](http://surreywildlifetrust.org/volunteering))
- Take plenty to drink and a packed lunch.
- Insurance cover is provided by Surrey Wildlife Trust.
- No dogs allowed unless permission is given by the leader.

### Contact details

**To be added to the weekly update email (county-wide) or to register as a volunteer, contact the SWT Volunteering Team:**

**Online:** [surreywildlifetrust.org/volunteering](http://surreywildlifetrust.org/volunteering)

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**Email:** [volunteers@surreywt.org.uk](mailto:volunteers@surreywt.org.uk)

**Call:** 01483 795464

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### Conservation day information:

Listed postcodes are an approximate location only. Many reserves are isolated and some have limited or no parking.

**Weekday conservation days** run from 10am – 3pm approx.

For most days, volunteers must make their own way to site.

On Wednesdays, volunteers in the East of Surrey, meet at the Bothy car park (Norbury Park – RH5 6DN, TQ 170 540) at 9.15am for a lift by minibus or make their own way to site for 10am (entries shaded if transport available).

**Weekend conservation days** run from 10am – 3pm (or 4pm if stated). Volunteers need to make their own way to site.

#### APRIL

2	MON	<b>EASTER MONDAY</b>
3	TUES	<b>THUNDRY MEADOWS</b> – Fence maintenance for conservation grazing, to maintain the condition of the wet grassland for associated flora and fauna. Jon Gardner, 07968 832501. Puttenham Top car park for collection by minibus. Grid ref: SU 919 461. Nearest postcode: GU3 1BE
4	WED	<b>QUARRY HANGERS</b> – Removing tree guards to promote healthy hedge growth and popping invading scrub whips to improve the calcareous grassland. Jon Gardner, 07968 832501. Lay-by on Springbottom Lane. Grid ref: TQ 318 535. Nearest postcode: RH1 4QZ
5	THURS	<b>BROOKWOOD LYE</b> – Fence maintenance for conservation grazing, to maintain the condition of the wet grassland for associated flora and fauna. Suzie Robson, 07968 832507. Gorsewood Road. Grid ref: SU 968 575. Nearest postcode: GU21 8XG
9	MON	<b>PRIEST HILL</b> – Making bird boxes to provide additional nesting habitat. Jon Gardner, 07968 832501. Site entrance on A240. Grid ref: TQ 227 609. Nearest postcode: KT17 3BZ
		<b>PUTTENHAM COMMON</b> – Path maintenance to improve access. Suzie Robson, 07968 832507. Puttenham Top car park. Grid ref: SU 919 461. Nearest postcode: GU3 1BE

10	TUES	<b>CHINTHURST HILL</b> – Maintain steps and run-offs to improve access. Jon Gardner, 07968 832501. Main car park. Car park off B2128. Grid ref: TQ 015 464. Nearest postcode: GU5 0PR
11	WED	<b>ASHTAD PARK</b> – Cutting back along park boundary to make the footpath safer for local visitors. Ross Packman, 07968 832504. Park down track off A24. Grid ref: TQ 192 587. Nearest postcode: KT21 1LE
		<b>BAROSSA</b> – Livestock fencing survey and maintenance within the Barossa Range Danger Area. <b>2 Days advance notice of attendance.</b> Ben Habgood, 07891 850882. End of Kings Ride. Grid ref: SU 876 622. Nearest postcode: GU15 4JE
12	THURS	<b>PAPERCOURT MARSHES</b> – Bare ground creation to provide habitat for invertebrates and pioneer plant species. Suzie Robson, 07968 832507. Layby on Tannery Lane. Grid ref: TQ 036 561. Nearest postcode: GU23 6JX
16	MON	<b>PUTTENHAM COMMON</b> – Path maintenance to improve access. Suzie Robson, 07968 832507. Puttenham Top car park. Grid ref: SU 919 461. Nearest postcode: GU3 1BE



17	TUES	<b>THUNDY MEADOWS</b> – Infrastructure repairs to improve access and clearing around dip wells to enable monitoring of water levels. Jon Gardner, 07968 832501. Puttenham Top car park for collection by minibus. Grid ref: SU 919 461. Nearest postcode: GU3 1BE
18	WED	<b>NORBURY PARK</b> – Erecting deer enclosures to monitor browsing pressure. Ross Packman, 07968 832504. The Bothy at 9.45am. (follow signs for Thor's Paws). Grid ref: TQ 170 540. Nearest postcode: RH5 6DN
19	THURS	<b>PAPERCOURT MEADOWS</b> – Fence repairs to allow for conservation grazing, maintaining the condition of the wet grassland for associated flora and fauna. Suzie Robson, 07968 832507. Send business centre, Tannery Lane. Grid ref: TQ 029 562 Nearest postcode: GU23 7EF
23	MON	<b>ELSTEAD COMMON</b> – Erecting electric fencing to allow for conservation grazing, maintaining the condition of the humid heathland for associated flora and fauna. Leader TBC. Military access track off of Thursley Road, first left after 40mph sign coming out of Elstead. Grid ref: SU 903 423. Nearest postcode: GU8 6EA
24	TUES	<b>WHITMOOR COMMON</b> – Erecting electric fencing to allow for conservation grazing, maintaining the condition of the heathland for associated flora and fauna. Jon Gardner, 07968 832501. Salt Box Road car park. Grid ref: SU 981 529. Nearest postcode: GU3 3LH.
25	WED	<b>HACKHURST DOWN</b> – Fence repairs for conservation grazing, maintaining the condition of the calcareous grassland for associated flora and fauna. Ross Packman, 07968 832504. The Bothy car park at 9.15am (follow signs for Thor's Paws). Grid ref: TQ 170 540. Nearest postcode: RH5 6DN. Please note there is no parking at Hackhurst.
		<b>POORS ALLOTMENT</b> – Fence line and infrastructure maintenance/survey. Ben Habgood, 07891 850882. End of Bracknell Road. Grid ref: SU 890 623. Nearest postcode: GU15 4BE
26	THURS	<b>BISLEY COMMON</b> – Erecting electric fencing to allow for conservation grazing, maintaining the condition of the heathland for associated flora and fauna. Ross Packman, 07968 832504. Car park off of Shaftesbury Road for minibus to site. Grid ref: SU 949 595. Nearest postcode: GU24 9EP
30	MON	<b>ELSTEAD COMMON</b> – Erecting electric fencing to allow for conservation grazing, maintaining the condition of the humid heathland for associated flora and fauna. Suzie Robson, 07968 832507. Military access track off of Thursley Road, first left after 40mph sign coming out of Elstead. Grid ref: SU 903 423. Nearest postcode: GU8 6EA

## MAY

1	TUES	<b>BROADSTREET COMMON</b> – Clearing overgrown vegetation along footpaths. Jon Gardner, 07968 832501. Salt Box Road car park for minibus to site. Grid ref: SU 981 529. Nearest postcode: GU3 3LH.
2	WED	<b>INHOLMS CLAYPIT</b> – Maintaining paths and steps to improve access. Suzie Robson, 07968 832507. End of Holmbury Drive. Grid ref: TQ 175 474. Nearest postcode: RH5 4TU
		<b>POORS ALLOTMENT</b> – Fence line and infrastructure maintenance/survey. Ben Habgood, 07891 850882. End of Bracknell Road. Grid ref: SU 890 623. Nearest postcode: GU15 4BE
3	THURS	<b>CHOBHAM COMMON</b> – Erecting electric fencing to allow for conservation grazing, maintaining the condition of the heathland for associated flora and fauna. Jon Gardner, 07968 832501. Jubilee Mount car park. Grid ref: SU 971 644. Nearest postcode: GU24 8TP
7	MON	<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>
8	TUES	<b>WHITMOOR COMMON</b> – Removing fencing and installing infrastructure to improve access on site. Jon Gardner, 07968 832501. Jolly Farmer car park on Burdeshott Road. Grid ref: SU 987 542. Nearest postcode: GU3 3RN.
9	WED	<b>NORBURY PARK</b> – Erecting deer enclosures to monitor browsing pressure and clearing back footpaths. Suzie Robson, 07968 832507. The Bothy car park at 9.45am (follow signs for Thor's Paws). Grid ref: TQ 170 540. Nearest postcode: RH5 6DN.
		<b>POORS ALLOTMENT</b> – Fence line and infrastructure maintenance/survey. Ben Habgood, 07891850882. At the end of Bracknell Road. Meet at military barrier. Grid ref: SU 890 623. Nearest postcode: GU15 4BE
10	THURS	<b>CHOBHAM COMMON</b> – Cutting back overgrown vegetation along footpaths/ maintaining paths and steps to improve access. Jon Gardner, 07968 832501. Roundabout car park. Grid ref: SU 965 649. Nearest postcode: GU24 8TL
13	SUN	<b>NEWDIGATE BRICKWORKS</b> – Site maintenance. Ross Packman, 07968 832504. Car park on Mulberry Place. Grid ref: TQ 203 425. Nearest postcode: RH5 5DN



14	MON	<b>PRIEST HILL</b> – Site walk and info gathering (including photos) of historic management around site (refugia, ponds, bare ground etc.) and butterfly transect walk pm (weather dependent). Jon Gardner, 07968 832501. Site entrance on A240. Grid ref: TQ 227 609. Nearest postcode: KT17 3BZ
		<b>PUTTENHAM COMMON</b> – Clearing overgrown vegetation along footpaths. Suzie Robson, 07968 832507. Puttenham Top car park. Grid ref: SU 919 461. Nearest postcode: GU3 1BE
15	TUES	<b>CHINTHURST HILL</b> – Cutting back overgrown vegetation along rights of way to improve access. Jon Gardner, 07968 832501. Car park off B2128. Grid ref: TQ 015 464. Nearest postcode: GU5 0PR
16	WED	<b>HOLMETHORPE LAGOON</b> – Controlling burdock onsite to improve the biodiversity of the wetland. Suzie Robson, 07968 832507. Car park on Nutfield Road. Grid ref: TQ 295 517. Nearest postcode: RH1 2ND
		<b>POORS ALLOTMENT</b> – Fence line and infrastructure maintenance/survey. Ben Habgood, 07891 850882. End of Bracknell Road. Grid ref: SU 890 623. Nearest postcode: GU15 4BE
17	THURS	<b>PAPERCOURT MARSHES</b> – Bare ground creation to provide habitat for invertebrates and pioneer plant species. Jon Gardner, 07968 832501. Layby on Tannery Lane. Grid ref: TQ 036 561. Nearest postcode: GU23 6JX
21	MON	<b>RODBOROUGH COMMON</b> – TBC. Suzie Robson, 07968 832507. Car park off Portsmouth Road. Grid ref: SU 939 418. Nearest postcode: GU8 5BL
22	TUES	<b>RICKFORD COMMON</b> – Infrastructure maintenance and repairs to improve the safety and accessibility of the site for the public. Ross Packman, 07968 832504. Jolly Farmer car park for minibus to site. Grid ref: SU 987 542. Nearest postcode: GU3 3RN.
23	WED	<b>SHABDEN PARK</b> – Cutting back overgrown vegetation along rights of way to improve access on site. Suzie Robson, 07968 832507. The Bothy car park at 9.15am (follow signs for Thor's Paws). Grid ref: TQ 170 540. Nearest postcode: RH5 6DN
24	THURS	<b>BISLEY COMMON</b> – Erecting electric fencing to allow for conservation grazing, maintaining the condition of the heathland for associated flora and fauna. Jon Gardner, 07968 832501. Car park off of Shaftesbury Road for minibus to site. Grid ref: SU 949 595. Nearest postcode: GU24 9EP
27	SUN	<b>NUTFIELD MARSH</b> – Wetland management. Simon Elson, 01737 242644. Car park off Nutfield Road, between the roundabout to Watercolour and Fordbridge. Grid ref: TQ 295 517. Nearest postcode: RH1 3HH
28	MON	<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>

29	TUES	<b>ST MARTHA'S HILL</b> – Cutting back overgrown vegetation along footpaths. Ross Packman, 07968 832504. Halfpenny Lane car park. Grid ref: TQ 022 484. Nearest postcode: GU4 8PZ
30	WED	<b>NORBURY PARK</b> – Bare ground creation to provide habitat for invertebrates and pioneer plant species. Suzie Robson, 07968 832507. The Bothy at 9.45am (follow signs for Thor's Paws). Grid ref: TQ 170 540. Nearest postcode: RH5 6DN
		<b>BRENTMOOR HEATH</b> – Site infrastructure installation and litter pick. Ben Habgood, 07891850882. Gordon's School roundabout car park (yellow height barrier) Grid ref: SU 941 613. Nearest postcode: GU24 9PZ.
31	THURS	<b>MANOR FARM</b> – TBC. Jon Gardner, 07968 832501. Grid ref: TQ 069 160. Nearest postcode: KT14 7RP

## JUNE

4	MON	<b>PRIEST HILL</b> – Invasives search and destroy! Jon Gardner, 07968 832501. Site entrance on A240. Grid ref: TQ 227 609. Nearest postcode: KT17 3BZ
		<b>CUCKNELL'S WOOD</b> – Bracken control to improve biodiversity in the woodland. Suzie Robson, 07968 832507. Entrance on Stroud Lane, car share if possible. Grid ref: TQ 040 430. Nearest postcode: GU5 0ST
5	TUES	<b>BROADSTREET COMMON</b> – Erecting electric fencing to allow for conservation grazing, maintaining the condition of the heathland for associated flora and fauna. Ross Packman, 07968 832504. Salt Box Road car park for minibus to site. Grid ref: SU 981 529. Nearest postcode: GU3 3LH
6	WED	<b>NORBURY PARK</b> – Erecting deer ex-closures to monitor browsing pressure and also cutting back along footpaths. Jon Gardner, 07968 832501. The Bothy at 9.45am. (Follow signs for Thor's Paws). Grid ref: TQ 170 540. Nearest postcode: RH5 6DN
7	THURS	<b>WISLEY COMMON</b> – Controlling piri piri weed to meet HLS invasives targets. Ross Packman, 07968 832504. Old car park on track to Pond Farm. Grid ref: TQ 074 587. Nearest postcode: GU23 6QS
11	MON	<b>THUNDRY MEADOWS</b> – Controlling Himalayan balsam to improve biodiversity of riparian habitat. Suzie Robson, 07968 832507. Royal Common entrance on B3001 for minibus to site. Grid ref: SU 921 432. Nearest postcode: GU8 6LA
12	TUES	<b>WHITMOOR COMMON</b> – Erecting electric fencing to allow for conservation grazing, maintaining the condition of the heathland for associated flora and fauna. Ross Packman, 07968 832504. Salt Box Road car park. Grid ref: SU 981 529. Nearest postcode: GU3 3LH.



13	WED	<b>HEDGE COURT</b> – Controlling Himalayan balsam and cutting vegetation to improve biodiversity of riparian habitat. Jon Gardner, 07968 832501. Bothy at 9.15am. (Follow signs for Thor's Paws). Grid ref: TQ 170 540. Nearest postcode: RH5 6DN. Limited parking on site.
14	THURS	<b>BISLEY COMMON</b> – Erecting electric fencing to allow for conservation grazing, maintaining the condition of the heathland for associated flora and fauna. Ross Packman, 07968 832504. Car park off of Shaftesbury Road for minibus to site. Grid ref: SU 949 595. Nearest postcode: GU24 9EP
18	MON	<b>ROYAL COMMON</b> – Controlling bracken to improve biodiversity of the heathland and acid grassland. Suzie Robson, 07968 832507. Royal Common entrance on B3001 for minibus to site. Grid ref: SU921 432. Nearest postcode: GU8 6LA
19	TUES	<b>SHEEPLEAS</b> – Cutting back overgrown vegetation along footpaths and controlling Bryony to improve biodiversity of the calcareous grassland. Ross Packman, 07968 832504. Shere Road car park. Grid ref: TQ 084 514. Nearest postcode KT24 6EP
20	WED	<b>HILL PARK</b> – Controlling invasive plants to improve biodiversity of calcareous grassland. Jon Gardner, 07968 832501. Lay-by on Chestnut Avenue. Grid ref: TQ417 559. Nearest postcode: TN16 2DG
21	THURS	<b>PAPERCOURT MEADOWS</b> – Controlling Himalayan balsam to improve biodiversity of riparian habitat. Ross Packman, 07968 832504. Send business centre, Tannery Lane. Grid ref: TQ 029 562. Nearest postcode: GU23 7EF
24	SUN	<b>NUTFIELD MARSH</b> – Wetland management. Simon Elson, 01737 242644. Car park off Nutfield Road, between the roundabout to Watercolour and Fordbridge. Grid ref: TQ 295 517. Nearest postcode: RH1 3HH
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26	TUES	<b>WHITMOOR COMMON</b> – Controlling Himalayan balsam to improve biodiversity of riparian habitat. Ross Packman, 07968 832504. Jolly Farmer car park, on Burdeshott Road. Nearest postcode: GU3 3RN. Grid ref: SU 987 542
27	WED	<b>PAPERCOURT MARSHES</b> – Controlling invasive plants to improve biodiversity of the habitat. Jon Gardner, 07968 832501. Bothy at 9.15am. (Follow signs for Thor's Paws). Grid ref: TQ 170 540. Nearest postcode: RH5 6DN
		<b>BRENTMOOR HEATH</b> – Public rights of way maintenance and resurfacing. Ben Habgood, 07891 850882. Gordon's School roundabout car park (yellow height barrier) Grid ref: SU 941 613. Nearest postcode: GU24 9PZ
28	THURS	<b>CHOBHAM COMMON</b> – Erecting electric fencing to allow for conservation grazing, maintaining the condition of the heathland for associated flora and fauna. Ross Packman, 07968 832504. Monument car park. Grid ref: SU964 654. Nearest postcode: SL5 0HY

### Other regular practical conservation days:

(please check with the event leader if there is space beforehand as these groups are often fully booked).

#### WESTFIELD COMMON VOLUNTEERS

**1st and 3rd Thursday of each month**, habitat management and maintenance of Westfield Common. 9.30am – 12.30pm. Paul Ritchie 07891 514574 or email paul.ritchie@surreywt.org.uk

#### NOWER WOOD

**Every Wednesday**, habitat management and maintenance of education reserve. 10am–3.30pm. Car park on Mill Way, nearest postcode KT22 8QA. Roger Granby, 01372 379509 or email nowerwood@surreywt.org.uk

