

Practical Conservation Days

July-September 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)
- 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

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Email: volunteers@surreywt.org.uk

Call: 01483 795464

Information correct at time of publication. Conservation days might change due to unforeseen circumstances. For amendments and additional entries, visit surreywildlifetrust.org/whats-on.

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.

JULY

2	MON	ROYAL COMMON – Bracken bashing to improve the diversity of the heathland and acid grassland. Suzie Robson, 07968 832507. Royal Common entrance on B3001. Grid ref: SU 921 432. Nearest postcode: GU8 6LA
		PRIEST HILL – Clearing invasive plants and cutting back brambles to improve access. Jon Gardner, 07968 832501. Site entrance A240. Grid ref: TQ 227 609. Nearest postcode: KT17 3BZ
3	TUES	SHEEPLEAS – Bracken bashing and pulling ragwort to improve the diversity of the grassland. Jon Gardner, 07968 832501. Green Dene car park. Grid ref: TQ 089 508. Nearest postcode: KT24 5TA
4	WED	NORBURY PARK – Controlling Himalayan balsam to improve diversity of riparian habitat. Ross Packman, 07968 832504. The Bothy car park at 9.45am. Grid ref: TQ 170 540. Nearest postcode: RH5 6DN
5	THURS	BISLEY COMMON – Erecting electric fencing compartment to allow for conservation grazing and maintain the condition of the heathland for associated flora and fauna. Suzie Robson, 07968 832507. Bisley car park off Shaftesbury Road. Grid ref: SU 949 595. Nearest postcode: GU24 9EP
8	SUN	NEWDIGATE BRICKWORKS – Infrastructure to improve site access. Ross Packman, 07968 832504. Car park on Mulberry Place. Grid ref: TQ 203 425. Nearest postcode: RH5 5DN

9	MON	ROYAL COMMON – Bracken bashing to improve the diversity of the heathland and acid grassland. Suzie Robson, 07968 832507. Royal Common entrance on B3001. Grid ref: SU 921 432. Nearest postcode: GU8 6LA
10	TUES	THUNDRY MEADOWS – Bracken bashing to improve the diversity of the grassland. Jon Gardner, 07968 832501. Puttenham top car park for minibus to site. Grid ref: SU 919 461. Nearest postcode: GU3 1BE
11	WED	QUARRY HANGERS – Controlling ragwort to improve diversity of calcareous grassland. Ross Packman, 07968 832504. Lay-by on Springbottom Lane. Grid ref: TQ 318 535. Nearest postcode: RH1 4QZ
12	THURS	PAPERCOURT MARSHES – Controlling invasives to improve diversity of wetland and grassland habitats. Suzie Robson, 07968 832507. Lay-by on Tannery Lane. Grid ref: TQ 036 561. Nearest postcode: GU23 6JX
16	MON	BAGMOOR COMMON – Erecting electric fencing compartment to allow for conservation grazing and maintain the condition of the heathland and acid grassland. Suzie Robson, 07968 832507. Royal Common entrance on B3001. Grid ref: SU 921 432. Nearest postcode: GU8 6LA
17	TUES	WOTTON ESTATE – TBC. Jon Gardner, 07968 832501. Starvealls car park off Leith Hill Road, for scenic walk/minibus to site. Grid ref: TQ 130 433. Nearest postcode: RH5 6LU



18	WED	HACKHURST – Controlling ragwort to improve the diversity of the calcareous grassland. Ross Packman, 07968 832504. The Bothy car park at 9.15am. Grid ref: TQ 170 540. Nearest postcode: RH5 6DN
19	THURS	WISLEY COMMON – Controlling invasives to improve diversity of heathland and grassland habitats. Suzie Robson, 07968 832507. Old car park on the track to Pond Farm. Contact Suzie for the padlock code. Grid ref: TQ 077 589. Nearest postcode: GU23 6QS
20	FRI	BLINDLEY HEATH – Maintaining fence-line to enable conservation grazing and improve the condition of the wet heath. Suzie Robson, 07968 832507. Meeting location TBC.
23	MON	BAGMOOR COMMON – Erecting electric fencing compartment to allow for conservation grazing and maintain the condition of the heathland and acid grassland. Suzie Robson, 07968 832507. Royal Common entrance on B3001. Grid ref: SU 921 432. Nearest postcode: GU8 6LA
24	TUES	WHITMOOR COMMON – Erecting electric fencing compartment to allow for conservation grazing and maintain the condition of the heathland and acid grassland. Jon Gardner, 07968 832501. Mount Pleasant car park off Salt Box Road. Grid ref: SU 987 532. Nearest postcode: GU3 3TA
25	WED	HILL PARK – Fence checking and ragwort control to improve the diversity of the grassland and enable conservation grazing. Ross Packman, 07968 832504. Lay-by on Chestnut Avenue. Grid ref: TQ 417 559. Nearest postcode: TN16 2DG
26	THURS	BISLEY COMMON – Erecting electric fencing compartment to allow for conservation grazing and maintain the condition of the heathland for associated flora and fauna. Suzie Robson, 07968 832507. Bisley car park off Shaftesbury Road. Grid ref: SU 949 595. Nearest postcode: GU24 9EP
29	SUN	CHOBHAM COMMON – Litter picking. Ross Packman, 07968 832504. Roundabout car park. Grid ref: SU 965 649. Nearest postcode: GU24 8TL
30	MON	ROYAL COMMON – Bracken bashing to improve the diversity of the heathland and acid grassland. Suzie Robson, 07968 832507. Royal Common entrance on B3001. Grid ref: SU 921 432. Nearest postcode: GU8 6LA
31	TUES	WEST HANGER – Replacing fence posts, erecting fencing to protect juniper plants and tackling invasives. Jon Gardner, 07968 832501. Staple Lane car park. Grid ref: TQ 069 492. Nearest postcode: GU5 9TD

AUGUST

1	WED	NORBURY PARK – Erecting electric fencing compartment to allow for conservation grazing and maintain the condition of the calcareous grassland. Leader TBC. The Bothy car park at 9.45am. Grid ref: TQ 170 540. Nearest postcode: RH5 6DN
2	THURS	PAPERCOURT MARSHES – Controlling invasives to improve diversity of wetland and grassland habitats. Jon Gardner, 07968 832501. Lay-by on Tannery Lane. Grid ref: TQ 036 561. Nearest postcode: GU23 6JX
6	MON	ROYAL COMMON – Clearing the line for an electric fencing compartment to allow for conservation grazing and maintain the condition of the heathland and acid grassland. Suzie Robson, 07968 832507. Royal Common entrance on B3001. Grid ref: SU 921 432. Nearest postcode: GU8 6LA PRIEST HILL – Planting up new pond to encourage colonisation by wildlife. Jon Gardner, 07968 832501. Site entrance A240. Grid ref: TQ 227 609. Nearest postcode: KT17 3BZ
7	TUES	WHITMOOR COMMON – Restoring stream bank to improve the condition of the watercourse and its suitability for wildlife. Jon Gardner, 07968 832501. Jolly Farmer car park on Burdeshott Road. Grid ref: SU 987 542. Nearest postcode: GU3 3RN
8	WED	HOLMETHORPE LAGOON – Controlling invasives and removing tree guards. Suzie Robson, 07968 832507. Car park on Nutfield Road. Grid ref: TQ 295 517. Nearest postcode: RH1 2ND BAROSSA RANGE DANGER AREA – Broadmoor Bottom mire invasive species removal. Wellies required, some waders will be available. Ben Habgood, 07891 850882. Military barrier at the end of Kings Ride. Grid ref: SU 876 622. Nearest postcode: GU15 4JE
9	THURS	BROOKWOOD LYE – Pond creation to provide habitat for aquatic organisms. Jon Gardner, 07968 832501. Gorsewood Road. Grid ref: SU 968 575. Nearest postcode: GU21 8XG
13	MON	ROYAL COMMON – Bracken bashing to improve the diversity of the heathland and acid grassland. Suzie Robson, 07968 832507. Royal Common entrance on B3001. Grid ref: SU 921 432. Nearest postcode: GU8 6LA
14	TUES	SHEEPLEAS – Bracken bashing to improve the diversity of the grassland. Jon Gardner, 07968 832501. Green Dene car park. Grid ref: TQ 089 508. Nearest postcode: KT24 5TA



15	WED	NORBURY PARK – Bare ground creation to provide habitat for invertebrates and pioneer plant species. Suzie Robson, 07968 832507. The Bothy car park at 9.45am. Grid ref: TQ 170 540. Nearest postcode: RH5 6DN
		BAROSSA RANGE DANGER AREA – Broadmoor Bottom mire invasive species removal. Wellies required, some waders will be available. Ben Habgood, 07891 850882. Military barrier at the end of Kings Ride. Grid ref: SU 876 622. Nearest postcode: GU15 4JE
16	THURS	BISLEY COMMON – Erecting electric fencing compartment to allow for conservation grazing and maintain the condition of the heathland for associated flora and fauna. Jon Gardner, 07968 832501. Bisley car park off Shaftesbury Road. Grid ref: SU 949 595. Nearest postcode: GU24 9EP
17	FRI	BAY POND – Maintaining infrastructure to improve accessibility for visiting school groups. Suzie Robson, 07968 832507. Bay Pond, off Godstone High Street. Grid ref: TQ 351 516. Nearest postcode: RH9 8DT
20	MON	ROYAL COMMON – Erecting electric fencing compartment to allow for conservation grazing and maintain the condition of the heathland and acid grassland. Suzie Robson, 07968 832507. Royal Common entrance on B3001. Grid ref: SU 921 432. Nearest postcode: GU8 6LA
21	TUES	THUNDRY MEADOWS – Bracken bashing to improve the diversity of the grassland. Jon Gardner, 07968 832501. Puttenham top car park for minibus to site. Grid ref: SU 919 461. Nearest postcode: GU3 1BE
22	WED	BROCKHAM LIMEWORKS – Infrastructure repairs to improve site safety. Suzie Robson, 07968 832507. End of Chalkpit Lane. Grid ref: TQ 198 509. Nearest postcode: RH3 7EZ
		BAROSSA RANGE DANGER AREA – Broadmoor Bottom mire invasive species removal. Wellies required, some waders will be available. Ben Habgood, 07891 850882. Military barrier at the end of Kings Ride. Grid ref: SU 876 622. Nearest postcode: GU15 4JE
23	THURS	BROOKWOOD LYE – Restoring stream to improve the condition of the watercourse and its suitability for wildlife. Jon Gardner, 07968 832501. Gorsewood Road. Grid ref: SU 968 575. Nearest postcode: GU21 8XG
27	MON	BANK HOLIDAY
28	TUES	WHITMOOR COMMON – Litter pick, followed by a guided walk led by Katy Fielding, Liaison Officer for the common, looking at the habitats, wildlife and some of the challenges of managing the site. Ross Packman, 07968 832504. Jolly Farmer car park on Burdenshott Road. Grid ref: SU 987 542. Nearest postcode: GU3 3RN

29	WED	THE MOORS – Hedge maintenance and litter pick, followed by a guided walk led by Lucy Bryce, Liaison Officer for the marshes, looking at the habitats, wildlife and some of the challenges of managing the site. Suzie Robson, 07968 832507. Car park on Nutfield Road. Grid ref: TQ 295 517. Nearest postcode: RH1 2ND
30	THURS	WISLEY COMMON – Tool maintenance session, followed by a guided walk led by Zoe Channon, Liaison Officer for the common, looking at the habitats, wildlife and some of the challenges of managing the site. Jon Gardner, 07968 832501. Old car park on the track to Pond Farm. Contact Jon for the padlock code. Grid ref: TQ 077 589. Nearest postcode: GU23 6QS

SEPTEMBER

2	SUN	WISLEY & OCKHAM COMMONS – Litter picking. Jon Gardner, 07968 832501. Boldermere car park. Grid ref: TQ 078 586. Nearest postcode: KT11 1NR
3	MON	ROYAL COMMON – Erecting electric fencing compartment to allow for conservation grazing and maintain the condition of the heathland and acid grassland. Suzie Robson, 07968 832507. Royal Common entrance on B3001. Grid ref: SU 921 432. Nearest postcode: GU8 6LA
		PRIEST HILL – Bird box installation, Chalk scrape scarifying and seed spreading to increase abundance of rare species. Jon Gardner, 07968 832501. Site entrance A240. Grid ref: TQ 227 609. Nearest postcode: KT17 3BZ
4	TUES	BURNER'S HEATH – Pond clearance to improve the suitability of the habitat for wildlife. Ross Packman, 07968 832504. Meeting location TBC.
5	WED	NORBURY PARK – Erecting electric fencing compartment to allow for conservation grazing and maintain the condition of the calcareous grassland. Jon Gardner, 07968 832501. The Bothy car park at 9.45am. Grid ref: TQ 170 540. Nearest postcode: RH5 6DN
		BRENTMOOR HEATH – Matchett's Meadow – Clearing invasive willow scrub from semi-improved natural grassland, one of the BOA's in Surrey. Ben Habgood, 07891 850882. Brentmoor Road just after Martin's Tyres. Grid ref: SU 941 608. Nearest postcode GU24 9RH
6	THURS	BROOKWOOD LYE – Rhododendron and laurel clearance to improve the diversity of the woodland. Ross Packman, 07968 832504. Gorsewood Road. Grid ref: SU 968 575. Nearest postcode: GU21 8XG



9	SUN	NEWDIGATE BRICKWORKS – Scrub clearance to improve the diversity of the grassland. Ross Packman, 07968 832504. Car park on Mulberry Place. Grid ref: TQ 203 425. Nearest postcode: RH5 5DN
		FRASER DOWN – Coppicing to improve diversity within scrub blocks. 10am – 4pm. Simon Humphreys, 07505 287220. Pebble Close – in car park for Aslotel House. Grid ref: TQ 212 530. Nearest postcode: KT20 7PA
		CHOBHAM COMMON – Litter picking. Suzie Robson, 07968 832507 Staple Hill car park. Grid ref: SU 973 648. Nearest postcode: KT16 0ED
10	MON	ASH RANGES – One off opportunity to work on Ash Ranges with the Estate and Grazing teams. Scrub clearance, coppicing, pollarding and infrastructure repairs to improve the condition of the site and enable movement of livestock. Ben Habgood, 07891 850882. Off the Pirbright Road (A324), military gated entrance opposite Henley Park Farm. Grid Ref: SU928526. Nearest postcode: GU3 2AG
11	TUES	BROAD STREET COMMON – Ditch clearance to improve the condition of the watercourse and its suitability for wildlife. Ross Packman, 07968 832504. Site entrance at junction between Gravetts Lane and A323. Grid ref: SU 969 519. Nearest postcode: GU3 3JW
12	WED	INHOLMS CLAYPIT – Annual grass cutting and raking in the orchard and tree popping to improve diversity of the grassland. Jon Gardner, 07968 832501. End of Holmbury Drive. Grid ref: TQ 175 474. Nearest postcode: RH5 4TU
		BRENTMOOR HEATH – Matchett's Meadow – Clearing invasive willow scrub from semi-improved natural grassland, one of the BOA's in Surrey. Ben Habgood, 07891 850882. Brentmoor Road just after Martin's Tyres. Grid ref: SU 941 608. Nearest postcode GU24 9RH
13	THURS	BROOKWOOD LYE – Rhododendron and laurel clearance to improve the diversity of the woodland. Ross Packman, 07968 832504. Gorsewood Road. Grid ref: SU 968 575. Nearest postcode: GU21 8XG
16	SUN	WHITMOOR COMMON – Gorse clearance to improve access and diversity. Suzie Robson, 07968 832507. Salt Box Road car park. Grid ref: SU 981 529. Nearest postcode: GU3 3LH
17	MON	ROYAL COMMON – Scrub clearance to improve the diversity of the heathland and acid grassland. Suzie Robson, 07968 832507. Royal Common entrance on B3001. Grid ref: SU 921 432. Nearest postcode: GU8 6LA
18	TUES	PUCK'S OAK BARN – Grass cutting and raking in the orchard and tidying the site. Ross Packman, 07968 832504. Parking outside the Village Hall. Grid ref: SU 956 046. Nearest postcode: GU3 1EG

19	WED	ASHSTEAD PARK – Annual grass cutting and raking to improve diversity of the grassland. Jon Gardner, 07968 832501. Park down track off A24. Grid ref: TQ 192 587. Nearest postcode: KT21 1LE
		BAROSSA – Dry Training Area – Scots pine sapling pulling and scrub clearance on lowland heathland. Ben Habgood, 07891 850882. Military barrier at the end of Kings Ride. Grid ref: SU 876 622. Nearest postcode: GU15 4JE
20	THURS	CHOBHAM COMMON – Scrub clearance to improve the diversity of the heathland. Ross Packman, 07968 832504. Staple Hill car park. Grid ref: SU 973 648. Nearest postcode: KT16 0ED
21	FRI	BLINDLEY HEATH – Scrub clearance to improve the condition of the wet heath. Suzie Robson, 079688 32507. TBC.
23	SUN	FRASER DOWN – Clear scrub to restore chalk grassland. 10am – 4pm. Simon Humphreys, 07505 287220. Pebble Close – in car park for Aslotel House. Grid ref: TQ 212 530. Nearest postcode: KT20 7PA
24	MON	ROYAL COMMON – Scrub clearance to improve the diversity of the heathland and acid grassland. Suzie Robson, 07968 832507. Royal Common entrance on B3001. Grid ref: SU 921 432. Nearest postcode: GU8 6LA
25	TUES	SHEEPLEAS – Scrub clearance to improve the diversity of the grassland. Ross Packman, 07968 832504. Shere Road car park. Grid ref: TQ 084 514. Nearest postcode KT24 6EP
26	WED	NORBURY PARK – Scrub clearance to improve the diversity of the grassland. Jon Gardner, 07968 832501. The Bothy car park at 9.45am. Grid ref: TQ 170 540. Nearest postcode: RH5 6DN
		POORS ALLOTMENT – Silver birch and Scots pine scrub clearance to improve the mosaic of the mature heather habitat. Ben Habgood, 07891 850882. End of Bracknell Road. Grid ref: SU 889 631. Nearest postcode: GU15 4BE
27	THURS	WISLEY COMMON – Scrub clearance to improve the diversity of the heathland. Ross Packman, 07968 832504. Old car park on the track to Pond Farm. Contact Ross for the padlock code. Grid ref: TQ 077 589. Nearest postcode: GU23 6QS

The following regular conservation days also take place (please check with the event leader if there is space beforehand as these groups are often full booked).

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

