

Practical Conservation Days

September-November 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

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/whatson.

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.

SEPTEMBER

2	SUN	WISLEY & OCKHAM COMMONS – Litter picking event to clean up and protect the heathland. Ross Packman, 07968 832504. Boldermere car park. Grid ref: TQ 078 586. Nearest postcode: KT11 1NR	9	SUN	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
3	MON	ROYAL COMMON – Erecting electric fencing compartment to allow for conservation grazing, maintaining 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	10	MON	CHOBHAM COMMON – Litter picking event to clean up and protect the heathland. Suzie Robson, 07968 832507. Staple Hill car park. Grid ref: SU 973 648. Nearest postcode: KT16 0ED
		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			ASH RANGES – Staff and volunteer day in the 'Glen' scrub clearance, pollarding, coppicing and infrastructure maintenance for the corral and holding pens on Ash Ranges. Ben Habgood, 07891 850882. (Please confirm attendance a week before the event). Off the Pirbright Road (A324), military gated entrance opposite Henley Park Farm. Grid Ref: SU 928 526. Nearest postcode: GU3 2AG
4	TUES	BURNER'S HEATH – Pond clearance to improve the suitability of the habitat for wildlife. Ross Packman, 07968 832504. Meeting location TBC	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
5	WED	NORBURY PARK – Erecting electric fencing compartment to allow for conservation grazing. Jon Gardner, 07968 832501. The Bothy car park at 9.45am. Grid ref: TQ 170 540. Nearest postcode: RH5 6DN (FYI may become Quarry Hangers if grazing delayed or QH a priority)	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			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 – Scrub clearance to improve the diversity of the wet grassland. Ross Packman, 07968 832504. Gorsewood Road. Grid ref: SU 968 575. Nearest postcode: GU21 8XG			

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16	SUN	WHITMOOR COMMON – Gorse clearance to improve access and diversity. Jon Gardner, 07968 832501. Salt Box Road car park. Grid ref: SU 981 529. Nearest postcode: GU3 3LH	OCTOBER		
17	MON	ELSTEAD COMMON – Pine clearance to improve the diversity of the heathland. Suzie Robson, 07968 832507. Royal Common entrance on B3001. Grid ref: SU 921 432. Nearest postcode: GU8 6LA	1	MON	ELSTEAD COMMON – Pine clearance to improve the diversity of the heathland. 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. Jon Gardner, 07968 832501. Parking outside the Village Hall. Grid ref: SU 956 046. Nearest postcode: GU3 1EG	2	TUES	RODBOROUGH COMMON – Scrub clearance to improve the diversity of the heathland. Jon Gardner, 07968 832501. Car park off Portsmouth Road. Grid ref: SU 939 418. Nearest postcode: GU8 5BL
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	3	WED	NORBURY PARK – Scrub clearance to improve the diversity of the grassland. Ross Packman, 07968 832504. The Bothy car park at 9.45am. Grid ref: TQ 170 540. Nearest postcode: RH5 6DN
		BAROSSA (Dry Training Area) – Scots pine sapling pulling and scrub clearance on lowland heathland. Suzie Robson, 07968 832507. Military barrier at the end of Kings Ride. Grid ref: SU 876 622. Nearest postcode: GU15 4JE			BRENTMOOR HEATH – Removal of scrub around Burnt stubb pond to allow more light into the seasonal pond. Ben Habgood, 07891 850882. End of Brentmoor Road (no formal car park). Grid ref: SU 932 606. Nearest postcode: GU24 9ND
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	4	THURS	WISLEY COMMON – Scrub clearance to improve the diversity of the grassland in Snakes Field. Suzie Robson, 07968 832507. Pond car park, off Old Lane. Grid ref: TQ 079 583. Nearest postcode: KT11 1NA
21	FRI	BAY POND – Felling and clearing trees identified in tree safety surveys. Suzie Robson, 07968 832507. 9.30am Bay Pond Education Reserve. Grid ref: TQ 351 517. Nearest postcode: RH9 8LT	7	SUN	WISLEY COMMON – Scrub clearance to improve the diversity of the heathland. 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
23	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	8	MON	ELSTEAD COMMON – Pine clearance to improve the diversity of the heathland. Suzie Robson, 07968 832507. Royal Common entrance on B3001. Grid ref: SU 921 432. Nearest postcode: GU8 6LA
		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	9	TUES	THUNDRY MEADOWS – Clearing Holly to improve light levels and diversity in the woodland. Jon Gardner, 07968 832501. Puttenham Top car park for collection by minibus. Grid ref: SU 919 461. Nearest postcode: GU3 1BE
		CHITTY'S COMMON – Pond restoration and scrub clearance adjacent to the meadow. Pauline Searle, 01483 825424. Noticeboard at Rydes Hill Road at 10am. Those arriving by car please park at the Keens Lane end of the common and follow the footpath south to the meeting point. Grid ref: SU 978 523. Nearest postcode: GU3 3HL	10	WED	QUARRY HANGERS – Grass cutting or scrub clearance to improve the diversity of the calcareous grassland. Ross Packman, 07968 832504. Lay-by on Springbottom Lane. Grid ref: TQ 318 535. Nearest postcode: RH1 4QZ
24	MON	ELSTEAD COMMON – Pine clearance to improve the diversity of the heathland. Jon Gardner, 07968 832501. Royal Common entrance on B3001. Grid ref: SU 921 432. Nearest postcode: GU8 6LA			BAROSSA (Dry Training Area) – Scots pine sapling pulling and scrub clearance on lowland heathland. Ben Habgood, 07891 850882. End of Kings Ride. Meet at military barrier. Grid ref: SU 876 622. Nearest postcode: GU15 4JE
25	TUES	WHITMOOR COMMON – Scrub clearance to improve the diversity of the heathland. Jon Gardner, 07968 832501. Meeting location TBC	11	THURS	BROOKWOOD LYE – Clearing Rhododendron to increase light levels and improve the diversity of the woodland. Suzie Robson, 07968 832507. Gorsewood Road. Grid ref: SU 968 575. Nearest postcode: GU21 8XG
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		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			

14	SUN	WHITMOOR COMMON – Gorse clearance to increase the diversity of the heathland and improve the accessibility of the site. Jon Gardner, 07968 832501. Salt Box Road car park. Grid ref: SU 981 529. Nearest postcode: GU3 3LH	24	WED	BROCKHAM LIMWORKS – Clearing scrub to improve diversity of the calcareous grassland and increase abundance of food plants for the small blue butterfly (in partnership with Butterfly Conservation). Ross Packman, 07968 832504. The Bothy car park at 9.15am. Grid ref: TQ 170 540. Nearest postcode: RH5 6DN
		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			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
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19	FRI	BLINDLEY HEATH – Scrub clearance to improve the condition of the wet heath. Suzie Robson, 07968 832507. 9.30am Bay Pond Education Reserve. Grid ref: TQ 351 517. Nearest postcode: RH9 8LT	30	TUES	WEST HANGER – Clearing scrub to improve diversity of the calcareous grassland and increase abundance of food plants for the small blue butterfly. Jon Gardner, 07968 832501. Staple Lane car park. Grid ref: TQ 069 492. Nearest postcode: GU5 9TD
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23	TUES	SEALE CHALKPIT – Scrub clearance to maintain the scree slopes and improve grassland of a regionally important geological site. Jon Gardner, 07968 832501. Puttenham Top car park for collection by minibus. Grid ref: SU 919 461. Nearest postcode: GU3 1BE	1	THURS	WISLEY COMMON – Scrub clearance to improve the diversity of the heathland. 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
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		BRENTMOOR HEATH – Mixed scrub clearance from the urban fringe of Brentmoor Heath, removing dense scrub and improving emergency access. Ben Habgood, 07891 850882. Gordon's School roundabout car park. Grid Ref: SU 941 613. Nearest postcode: GU24 9PZ
29	THURS	WHITMOOR COMMON – Scrub clearance to improve the diversity of the heathland. Jon Gardner, 07968 832501. Meeting location TBC

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