

Practical Conservation Days

June-August 2019



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 practical conservation 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

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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 (Norbury Park – RH5 6DN, TQ 170 540) at 9:15am for a lift by minibus (entries shaded if transport available), or volunteers can make their own way to site for 10am.

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

JUNE

3	MON	ROYAL COMMON – Bracken bashing to improve the diversity of the wood pasture and acid grassland. Suzie Robson: 07968 832507. Royal Common entrance on B3001. Grid ref: SU 921 432. Nearest postcode: GU8 6LA
		PRIEST HILL – Site maintenance and path clearance to improve access. Stuart Fleming: 07799 894154. Site entrance off A240. Grid ref: TQ 227 609. Nearest postcode: KT17 3BZ
4	TUES	SHEEPLEAS – TBC. Ross Packman: 07968 832504. Meeting location TBC
5	WED	STAFFHURST WOODS – Installing deer ex-closure plots to monitor browsing pressure onsite and improving access and infrastructure. Jon Wells: 07968 832516. Grants Lane car park. Grid ref: TQ 227 609. Nearest postcode: TN8 6QR
6	THURS	PAPERCOURT MARSHES – Controlling invasive plants to improve diversity of wetland and grassland habitats. Ross Packman: 07968 832504. Layby on Tannery Lane. Grid ref: TQ 036 561. Nearest postcode: GU23 6JX
9	SUN	NEWLANDS CORNER – Litter pick. Ross Packman: 07968 832504. Newlands car park. Grid ref: TQ 042 492. Nearest postcode: GU4 8SE
		CHITTY'S COMMON – Ditch work, including digging out pendulous grass, litter picking, clearing footpaths and the boardwalk if necessary. 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	MON	ROYAL COMMON – Bracken bashing to improve the diversity of the wood pasture and acid grassland. Stuart Fleming: 07799 894154. Royal Common entrance on B3001. Grid ref: SU 921 432. Nearest postcode: GU8 6LA
11	TUES	CUCKNELLS WOOD – Bracken control to improve biodiversity in the woodland. Ross Packman: 07968 832504. Car park off Stroud Lane. Grid ref: TQ 040 430. Nearest postcode: GU5 0ST
12	WED	HACKHURST DOWN – Scrape creation and maintenance to encourage calcareous plant species and increase abundance of butterflies such as the small blue. Jon Wells: 07968 832516 The Bothy car park. Grid ref: TQ 170 540. Nearest postcode: RH5 6DN
13	THURS	BISLEY COMMON – Erecting electric fencing compartment to allow for conservation grazing and maintain the condition of the acid grassland. Also installing bollards to prevent unlawful access to site. Ross Packman: 07968 832504. Bisley car park off Shaftesbury Road. Grid ref: SU 949 595. Nearest postcode: GU24 9EP
17	MON	ROYAL COMMON – Bracken bashing to improve the diversity of the wood pasture and acid grassland. Suzie Robson: 07968 832507. Royal Common entrance on B3001. Grid ref: SU 921 432. Nearest postcode: GU8 6LA
18	TUES	RODBOROUGH COMMON – Bracken control to improve biodiversity in the woodland. Jon Wells: 07968 832516. Car park off Portsmouth Road. Grid ref: SU 939 418. Nearest postcode: GU8 5BL

19	WED	NORBURY PARK – Controlling balsam to enhance biodiversity along the river mole. Also repairing and replacing infrastructure. Jon Wells: 07968 832516. 9.45am Bothy car park. Grid ref: TQ 170 540. Nearest postcode: RH5 6DN
20	THURS	CHOBHAM COMMON – Preparing electric fencing compartment to allow for conservation grazing and maintain the condition of the heathland. Ross Packman: 07968 832504. Jubilee mount car park. Grid ref: SU 972 644 Nearest postcode: GU24 8TU
21	FRI	HEDGE COURT – Controlling Himalayan balsam to improve biodiversity of riparian habitat; clearing paths and replacing infrastructure to improve access. Suzie Robson: 07968 832507. 9.30am Bay Pond, off Godstone High Street. Grid ref: TQ 351 516. Nearest postcode: RH9 8DT
24	MON	ROYAL COMMON – Bracken bashing to improve the diversity of the wood pasture and acid grassland. Suzie Robson: 07968 832507. Royal Common entrance on B3001. Grid ref: SU 921 432. Nearest postcode: GU8 6LA
25	TUES	WHITMOOR COMMON – Controlling Himalayan balsam to improve biodiversity of riparian habitat. Jon Wells: 07968 832516. Jolly Farmer car park on Burdenshott Road. Grid ref: SU 987 542. Nearest postcode: GU3 3RN
26	WED	HILL PARK – Controlling invasive plants to improve biodiversity of calcareous grassland and installing fencing. Jon Wells: 07968 832516. Lay-by on Chestnut Avenue. Grid ref: TQ 417 559. Nearest postcode: TN16 2DG
27	THURS	CHOBHAM COMMON – Erecting electric fencing compartment to allow for conservation grazing and maintaining the condition of the heathland. Leader TBC. Jubilee mount car park. Grid ref: SU 972 644 Nearest postcode: GU24 8TU

JULY

1	MON	ROYAL COMMON – Bracken bashing to improve the diversity of the wood pasture 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 to reduce competition and improve abundance and diversity of calcareous grassland species. Stuart Fleming: 07799 894154. Site entrance off A240. Grid ref: TQ 227 609. Nearest postcode: KT17 3BZ
2	TUES	THUNDRY MEADOWS – Bracken bashing to improve the diversity of the grassland and hunting for Himalayan balsam. Jon Wells: 07968 832516. Puttenham Top car park for collection by minibus. Grid ref: SU 919 461. Nearest postcode: GU3 1BE
3	WED	No volunteer day due to staff training
4	THURS	CHOBHAM COMMON – Clearing ragwort from Snakes field to keep a wider diversity of species in the sward and ensure it is safe to graze with livestock. Suzie Robson: 07968 832507. Pond car park, off Old Lane. Grid ref: TQ 079 583. Nearest postcode: KT11 1NA

8	MON	ELSTEAD COMMON – Clearing the line for an electric fencing compartment to allow for conservation grazing and maintain the condition of the heathland. Suzie Robson: 07968 832507. Moat car park. Grid ref: SU 898 414. Nearest postcode: GU8 6LW
9	TUES	COOMBE BOTTOM – Removing ex-closure fencing and replacing infrastructure. Jon Wells: 07968 832516. West Hanger, Staple Lane car park. Grid ref: TQ 069 492. Nearest postcode: GU5 9TD
10	WED	HOWELL HILL – Controlling invasive plants to improve biodiversity of calcareous grassland. Ross Packman: 07968 832504. Cuddington Way. Grid ref: TQ 239 616. Nearest postcode: SM2 7JB
11	THURS	MANOR FARM – Controlling Himalayan balsam to improve biodiversity of riparian habitat. Suzie Robson: 07968 832507. Mill Lane. Grid ref: TQ 068 608. Nearest postcode: KT14 7RT
14	SUN	NEWDIGATE BRICKWORKS – Site maintenance. Ross Packman: 07968 832504. Car park on Mulberry Place. Grid ref: TQ 203 425. Nearest postcode: RH5 5DN
15	MON	ELSTEAD COMMON – Setting up electric fencing compartment to allow for conservation grazing and maintain the condition of the heathland. Suzie Robson: 07968 832507. Moat car park. Grid ref: SU 898 414. Nearest postcode: GU8 6LW
16	TUES	SHEEPLEAS – Controlling invasive plants to improve biodiversity of calcareous grassland. Jon Wells: 07968 832516. Meeting location TBC
17	WED	HACKHURST DOWN – Scrape creation/maintenance and controlling invasive plants to encourage calcareous species and increase abundance of butterflies such as the small blue. Ross Packman: 07968 832504. Bothy car park. Grid ref: TQ 170 540. Nearest postcode: RH5 6DN
18	THURS	PAPERCOURT MARSHES – Controlling invasive plants to improve diversity of wetland and acid grassland habitats. Suzie Robson: 07968 832507. Layby on Tannery Lane. Grid ref: TQ 036 561. Nearest postcode: GU23 6JX
19	FRI	BLINDLEY HEATH – Clearing ragwort to enable grazing and improve the condition of the wet heath. Suzie Robson: 07968 832507. 9.30am Bay Pond, off Godstone High Street. Grid ref: TQ 351 516. Nearest postcode: RH9 8DT
21	SUN	CHOBHAM COMMON – Litter pick. Ross Packman: 07968 832504. Roundabout car park or Staple Hill car park (TBC).
22	MON	ROYAL COMMON – Bracken bashing to improve the diversity of the wood pasture and acid grassland. Stuart Fleming: 07799 894154. Royal Common entrance on B3001. Grid ref: SU 921 432. Nearest postcode: GU8 6LA
23	TUES	WHITMOOR COMMON – Controlling Himalayan balsam to improve biodiversity of riparian habitat. Jon Wells: 07968 832516. Jolly Farmer car park on Burdenshott Road. Grid ref: SU 987 542. Nearest postcode: GU3 3RN

24	WED	NORBURY PARK – Controlling balsam to enhance biodiversity along the river mole. Also repairing and replacing infrastructure. Ross Packman: 07968 832504. 9.45am Bothy car park. Grid ref: TQ 170 540. Nearest postcode: RH5 6DN
25	THURS	CHOBHAM COMMON – Preparing electric fencing compartment to allow for conservation grazing and maintaining the condition of the heathland. Suzie Robson: 07968 832507. Meeting location TBC.
28	SUN	CHITTY'S COMMON – Ditch work, including digging out pendulous grass, litter picking, clearing footpaths and the boardwalk if necessary. 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
29	MON	ROYAL COMMON – Bracken bashing to improve the diversity of the wood pasture and acid grassland. Suzie Robson: 07968 832507. Royal Common entrance on B3001. Grid ref: SU 921 432. Nearest postcode: GU8 6LA
30	TUES	SHEEPLEAS – Repairing and replacing infrastructure to improve access onsite. Jon Wells: 07968 832516. Meeting location TBC
31	WED	NORBURY PARK – Setting up grazing compartment in the calcareous grassland, along with controlling balsam to enhance biodiversity along the river mole. Ross Packman: 07968 832504. 9.45am Bothy car park. Grid ref: TQ 170 540. Nearest postcode: RH5 6DN

AUGUST

1	THURS	CHOBHAM COMMON – Erecting electric fencing compartment to allow for conservation grazing and maintaining the condition of the heathland. Jon Wells: 07968 832516. Meeting location TBC.
5	MON	ROYAL COMMON – Guided walk with Conservation Manager Ben Habgood, looking at habitat management on the MOD sites. Suzie Robson: 07968 832507. Royal Common entrance on B3001. Grid ref: SU 921 432. Nearest postcode: GU8 6LA PRIEST HILL – Site maintenance. Stuart Fleming: 07799 894154. Site entrance off A240. Grid ref: TQ 227 609. Nearest postcode: KT17 3BZ
6	TUES	PAPERCOURT MARSHES – Controlling invasive plants to improve diversity of wetland and acid grassland habitats. Ross Packman: 07968 832504. Layby on Tannery Lane. Grid ref: TQ 036 561. Nearest postcode: GU23 6JX
7	WED	HACKHURST DOWN – Scrape creation/maintenance to encourage calcareous plant species and increase abundance of butterflies such as the small blue. Suzie Robson: 07968 832507. Bothy car park. Grid ref: TQ 170 540. Nearest postcode: RH5 6DN BAROSSA RDA – Mire restoration on Broadmoor Bottom within the Range Danger Area (please bring wellies and lunch). Access is restricted so please give at least two days' notice if you wish to attend. Military barrier at the end of Kings Ride. Grid ref: SU 876 622. Nearest postcode: GU15 4JE

8	THURS	WISLEY COMMON – Replacing fence posts to improve security of livestock, allowing for continued grazing on the heathland. Jon Wells: 07968 832516. Old car park on the track to Pond Farm. Contact Jon for the padlock code. Grid ref: TQ 077 589. Nearest postcode: GU23 or Boldermere car park and walk over to the old car park. Grid ref: TQ 078 586. Nearest postcode: KT11 1NR
12	MON	ROYAL COMMON – Bare ground creation to create habitat for invertebrates and associated species within the wood pasture and acid grassland. Stuart Fleming: 07799 894154. Royal Common entrance on B3001. Grid ref: SU 921 432. Nearest postcode: GU8 6LA
13	TUES	RODBOROUGH COMMON – Repairing and replacing infrastructure to improve access onsite. Ross Packman: 07968 832504. Car park off Portsmouth Road. Grid ref: SU 939 418. Nearest postcode: GU8 5BL
14	WED	NORBURY PARK – Preparing grazing compartment to enable grazing of the calcareous grassland, along with improving infrastructure and access onsite. Suzie Robson: 07968 832507. 9.45am Bothy car park. Grid ref: TQ 170 540. Nearest postcode: RH5 6DN
15	THURS	BISLEY COMMON – Erecting electric fencing compartment to allow for conservation grazing and maintaining the condition of the acid grassland. Also installing bollards to prevent unlawful access to site. Jon Wells: 07968 832516. Bisley car park off Shaftesbury Road. Grid ref: SU 949 595. Nearest postcode: GU24 9EP
16	FRI	BAY POND – Cutting and raking meadows to improve the biodiversity of the grassland. Suzie Robson: 07968 832507. 9.30am Bay Pond, off Godstone High Street. Grid ref: TQ 351 516. Nearest postcode: RH9 8DT
18	SUN	OCKHAM COMMON – Litter pick. Ross Packman: 07968 832504. Boldermere car park. Grid ref: TQ 078 586. Nearest postcode: KT11 1NR
19	MON	ROYAL COMMON – Bare ground creation to create habitat for invertebrates and associated species within the wood pasture and acid grassland. Suzie Robson: 07968 832507. Royal Common entrance on B3001. Grid ref: SU 921 432. Nearest postcode: GU8 6LA
20	TUES	SHEEPLEAS – Repairing and replacing infrastructure to improve access onsite. Ross Packman: 07968 832504. Meeting location TBC
21	WED	NORBURY PARK – Erecting grazing compartment in the calcareous grassland to improve diversity of wildflowers and associated invertebrates. Suzie Robson: 07968 832507. 9.45am Bothy car park. Grid ref: TQ 170 540. Nearest postcode: RH5 6DN
22	THURS	BROOKWOOD LYE – Pond creation to provide habitat for aquatic organisms and litter pick. Jon Wells: 07968 832516. Gorsewood Road. Grid ref: SU 968 575. Nearest postcode: GU21 8XG
26	MON	BANK HOL
27	TUES	WEST HANGER – Removing ex-closure fencing and replacing infrastructure. Leader TBC. West Hanger, Staple Lane car park. Grid ref: TQ 069 492. Nearest postcode: GU5 9TD

28	WED	QUARRY HANGERS – Cutting and raking the grassland to improve diversity of the sward. Suzie Robson: 07968 832507. Lay-by on Springbottom Lane. Grid ref: TQ 318 535. Nearest postcode: RH1 4QZ
		BAROSSA RDA – Mire restoration on Broadmoor Bottom within the Range Danger Area (please bring wellies and lunch). Access is restricted so please give at least two days' notice if you wish to attend. Military barrier at the end of Kings Ride. Grid ref: SU 876 622. Nearest postcode: GU15 4JE
29	THURS	CHOBHAM COMMON – Boardwalk creation to improve access onsite. Jon Wells: 07968 832516. 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