

Practical Conservation Days

December 2019-February 2020



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

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 (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.

DECEMBER

2	MON	BAGMOOR COMMON – Scrub clearance within 2020 grazing compartment and thinning and coppicing scrub under the eastern powerlines. Jon Wells 07968 832516. 10am meet Royal Common entrance on B3001. Grid ref: SU 921 432. Nearest postcode: GU8 6LA
		PRIEST HILL – Habitat management and site maintenance. Stuart Fleming 07799 894154. 10am meet Priest Hill entrance off A240. Grid ref: TQ 227 609. Nearest postcode: KT17 3BZ
3	TUES	PAPERCOURT MARSHES – Willow coppicing to maintain riparian habitats. Ross Packman, 07968 832504. 10am meet lay-by on Tannery Lane. Grid ref: TQ 036 561. Nearest postcode: GU23 6JX
4	WED	QUARRY HANGERS – Scrub clearance to maintain sensitive chalk downland habitat. Jon Wells 07968 832516. 9.15am meet at the Bothy car park (RH5 6DN) for minibus to site, or 10am meet lay-by on Springbottom Lane (limited parking). Grid ref: TQ 318 535. Nearest postcode: RH1 4QZ
		BAROSSA DTA – Preparing large task fire sites and safe working areas on Barossa as well as continuing with mixed scrub clearance on the site benefitting the resident population of Dartford warblers and other resident and migratory passerine birds. Stuart Fleming 07799 894154. 10am meet end of Kings Ride. Grid ref: SU 876 622. Nearest postcode: GU15 4JE
5	THURS	CHOBHAM COMMON – Scrub clearance on Brick Hill to maintain lowland heath habitat. Suzie Robson: 07968 832507. 10am meet Roundabout car park. Grid ref: SU 965 649. Nearest postcode: GU24 8TL

8	SUN	RODBOROUGH COMMON – Pine pulling to maintain heathland and avoid woodland succession. Ross Packman 07968 832504. 10am meet car park off Portsmouth Road. Grid ref: SU 939 418. Nearest postcode: GU8 5BL
		CHITTY'S COMMON – Litter picking, meadow clearance, small pond construction and reinstate ditch adjacent to meadow. Pauline Searle. 01483 825424. 10am meet noticeboard at Rydes Hill Road. 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
9	MON	DAWCOMBE – Scrub clearance and re-coppicing veteran Hazels. 10am – 4pm. Simon Humphreys 07505 287220. Meet Aslotel House car park, Pebble Close, Walton on the Hill (cul-de-sac off Headley Common Road at top of Pebble Hill) KT20 7PA
		ROYAL COMMON – Scrub clearance. Stuart Fleming 07799 894154. 10am meet Royal Common entrance on B3001. Grid ref: SU 921 432. Nearest postcode: GU8 6LA
10	TUES	SHEEPLEAS – Hazel coppicing to enhance dormouse habitats and improve biodiversity. Matthew Cornwell 07968 832501. 10am meet at Green Dene car park. Grid ref: TQ 092 510. Nearest postcode: KT24 5TB
11	WED	NORBURY PARK – Hazel coppicing to enhance hazel dormouse habitats and improve biodiversity. Jon Wells 07968 832516. 9.45am meet at the Bothy car park. Grid ref: TQ 170 540. Nearest postcode: RH5 6DN
		BAROSSA DTA – Continuing the mire restoration scrub clearance on Broadmoor Bottom cutting and clearing invasive species. Wellies required. Access is restricted so we ask that you stay for the duration of the volunteer day. Ben Habgood 07891 850882. 10am meet end of Kings Ride. Grid ref: SU 876 622. Nearest postcode: GU15 4JE

12	THURS	VOLLY JOLLY CHRISTMAS – Festive volunteer day on Ockham Common. Please note this is a bookings only event for SWT volunteers. Invitations will have been sent via email.
15	SUN	CHOBHAM COMMON – Scrub clearance on Brick Hill to maintain lowland heath habitat. Jon Wells 07968 832516. 10am meet Roundabout car park. Grid ref: SU 965 649. Nearest postcode: GU24 8TL
16	MON	BAGMOOR COMMON – Scrub clearance within 2020 grazing compartment and thinning and coppicing scrub under the eastern powerlines. Stuart Fleming 07799 894154. 10am meet Royal Common entrance on B3001. Grid ref: SU 921 432. Nearest postcode: GU8 6LA
17	TUES	THUNDRY MEADOWS – Cut willow and birch scrub to avoid woodland succession. Suzie Robson: 07968 832507. 9.45am minibus from Puttenham Common Top car park, limited parking on-site. Grid ref: SU 919 461. Nearest postcode: GU3 1BE
18	WED	HOWELL HILL – Scrub Clearance to maintain important chalk grassland habitat. Jon Wells 07968 832516. 9.15am meet at the Bothy car park (RH5 6DN) for minibus to site, or 10am meet at Cuddington Way (limited parking). Grid ref: TQ 239 616. Nearest postcode: SM2 7JB
		POORS ALLOTMENT – Mixed scrub clearance on lowland heathland to connect pioneer and mature dwarf habitat. This will be our last volunteer day for the group before Christmas so minced pies and mulled wine at the ready! Ben Habgood 07891 850882. 10am meet end of Bracknell Road. Grid ref: SU 889 631. Nearest postcode: GU15 4BE
19	THURS	BAROSSA - Mixed scrub clearance on lowland heathland. 10am meet at Kings Ride. Collaboration with SWT Conservation Manager Ben Habgood. Suzie Robson: 07968 832507. 10am meet end of Kings Ride. Grid ref: SU 876 622. Nearest postcode: GU15 4JE
20	FRI	BAY POND – Monthly site maintenance. Stuart Fleming 07799 894154. 9.30am meet at Bay Pond, off Godstone High Street. Grid ref: TQ 351 516. Nearest postcode: RH9 8DT
22	SUN	OCKHAM COMMON – Scrub clearance to maintain lowland heath habitat. Stuart Fleming 07799 894154. 10am meet at Boldermere car park (Ockham Bites) Grid ref: TQ 078 586. Nearest postcode: KT11 1NR Please confirm before Friday 20th December to join this group
		FRASER DOWN – Coppicing to improve diversity within scrub blocks. 10am – 4pm. Simon Humphreys 07505 287220. Meet Aslotel House car park, Pebble Close, Walton on the Hill (cul-de-sac off Headley Common Road at top of Pebble Hill) KT20 7PA
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29	SUN	THE MOORS/ HOLMETHORPE LAGOONS, NUTFIELD MARSH SNCI – Willow Coppicing. Simon Elson 01737 242644. 10am meet car park off Nutfield Road, between the roundabout to Watercolour and Fordbridge. Grid ref: TQ 295 517. Nearest postcode: RH1 3HH

30	MON	DAWCOMBE – Scrub clearance to restore more grassland. 10am – 4pm. Simon Humphreys 07505 287220. Meet Aslotel House car park, Pebble Close, Walton on the Hill (cul-de-sac off Headley Common Road at top of Pebble Hill) KT20 7PA
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JANUARY

6	MON	BAGMOOR COMMON – Scrub clearance within 2020 grazing compartment and thinning and coppicing scrub under the eastern powerlines. Jon Wells 07968 832516. 10am meet Royal Common entrance on B3001. Grid ref: SU 921 432. Nearest postcode: GU8 6LA PRIEST HILL – Site habitat management and maintenance. Stuart Fleming 07799 894154. 10am meet Priest Hill entrance off A240. Grid ref: TQ 227 609. Nearest postcode: KT17 3BZ
7	TUES	WHITMOOR COMMON – Scrub clearance to maintain heathland habitat. Suzie Robson: 07968 832507. 10am meet Jolly Farmer car park on Burdeshott Road. Grid ref: SU 987 542. Nearest postcode: GU3 3RN
8	WED	NEWDIGATE BRICKWORKS – Habitat management for biodiversity. Jon Wells 07968 832516. 9.15am meet at the Bothy car park (RH5 6DN) for minibus to site, or 10am at the car park on Mulberry Place. Grid ref: TQ 203 425. Nearest postcode: RH5 5DN BRENTMOOR HEATH – Cutting and clearing mixed scrub to benefit the Silver-studded blue butterfly's local breeding range as well as the recent Heath Tiger Beetle recorded during the 2019 summer. 10am meet Greyspot Grenade Range entrance – metal MoD barrier (Not an official car park). Off Red Road. Grid ref: SU 929 614. Nearest postcode: GU18 5XA
9	THURS	CHOBHAM COMMON – Scrub clearance on Brick Hill to maintain lowland heath habitat. Ross Packman. 07968 832504. 10am meet Roundabout car park. Grid ref: SU 965 649. Nearest postcode: GU24 8TL
		OCKLEY COMMON – Pine scrub clearance in partnership with Natural England. Jon Wells 07968 832516. 10am meet Moat car park. Grid ref SU 899 415. Nearest postcode: GU8 6LW.
12	SUN	NEWDIGATE BRICKWORKS – Bimonthly site maintenance. Ross Packman, 07968 832504. Car park on Mulberry Place. Grid ref: TQ 203 425. Nearest postcode: RH5 5DN
		CHOBHAM COMMON – Scrub clearance on Brick Hill to maintain lowland heath habitat. Jon Wells 07968 832516. 10am meet Roundabout car park. Grid ref: SU 965 649. Nearest postcode: GU24 8TL
		DAWCOMBE – Scrub clearance and halo release around Elm trees. Simon Humphreys 07505 287220. Aslotel House car park, Pebble Close, Walton on the Hill (cul-de-sac off Headley Common Road at top of Pebble Hill) KT20 7PA
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14	TUES	THUNDRY MEADOWS – Cut willow and birch scrub to avoid woodland succession. Jon Wells 07968 832516. 9.45am minibus from Puttenham Common Top car park, limited parking on-site. Grid ref: SU 919 461. Nearest postcode: GU3 1BE
15	WED	NORBURY PARK – Hazel coppicing to enhance hazel dormouse habitats and improve biodiversity. Stuart Fleming 07799 894154. 9.45am meet at the Bothy car park. Grid ref: TQ 170 540. Nearest postcode: RH5 6DN
		BAROSSA DTA – Continuing with mixed scrub clearance on the site benefitting the resident population of Dartford warblers and other resident and migratory passerine birds. Ben Habgood 07891 850882. 10am meet end of Kings Ride. Grid ref: SU 876 622. Nearest postcode: GU15 4JE
16	THURS	OCKLEY COMMON – Pine scrub clearance in partnership with Natural England. Jon Wells 07968 832516. 10am meet Moat car park. Grid ref SU 899 415. Nearest postcode: GU8 6LW.
		OCKHAM COMMON – Scrub clearance to maintain lowland heath habitat. 10am meet at Boldermere car park (Ockham Bites) Ross Packman 07968 832504. Grid ref: TQ 078 586. Nearest postcode: KT11 1NR.
17	FRI	BAY POND – Monthly site maintenance. Stuart Fleming 07799 894154. 9.30am meet at Bay Pond, off Godstone High Street. Grid ref: TQ 351 516. Nearest postcode: RH9 8DT
		NETLEY PLANTATION – Collaborative task with Butterfly Conservation to improve habitat for small blue butterfly. Suzie Robson: 07968 832507. Meeting location TBC
19	SUN	SHEEPLEAS – Hazel coppicing to enhance dormouse habitats and improve biodiversity. Ross Packman 07968 832504. 10am meet at Green Dene car park. Grid ref: TQ 092 510. Nearest postcode: KT24 5TB
		KITCHEN COPSE SNCI/AW, BLETCHINGLEY – Woodland Management. Come along and discover the world of woodmanship! Simon Elson 01737 242644. Meet in the track to the Copse, off Place Farm Road. Grid ref: TQ 327 523. Nearest postcode: RH1 4QR.
		CHITTY'S COMMON – Clearing brambles, dead trees and undergrowth to find hidden pond adjacent to meadow area, litter picking and boardwalk clearance. Pauline Searle, 01483 825424. 10am meet noticeboard at Rydes Hill Road. 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
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21	TUES	RODBOROUGH COMMON – Scrub clearance to maintain grassland habitat, avoid woodland succession and fulfil HLS requirements. Jon Wells 07968 832516. 10am meet car park off Portsmouth Road. Grid ref: SU 939 418. Nearest postcode: GU8 5BL

22	WED	HACKHURST DOWN – Scrub clearance to maintain sensitive chalk downland habitat. Ross Packman 07968 832504. 9:45am meet at the Bothy car park minibus to site (no parking available at Hackhurst). Grid ref: TQ 170 540. Nearest postcode: RH5 6DN
		BAROSSA DTA – Continuing with mixed scrub clearance on the site benefitting the resident population of Dartford warblers and other resident and migratory passerine birds. Ben Habgood 07891 850882. 10am meet end of Kings Ride. Grid ref: SU 876 622. Nearest postcode: GU15 4JE
23	THURS	OCKLEY COMMON – Pine scrub clearance in partnership with Natural England. Jon Wells 07968 832516. 10am meet Moat car park. Grid ref SU 899 415. Nearest postcode: GU8 6LW.
		WEST END – Scrub clearance to maintain heath and grassland habitats. Suzie Robson: 07968 832507. Bisley car park off Shaftesbury Road. Grid ref: SU 949 595. Nearest postcode: GU24 9EP
24	FRI	BROCKHAM LIMESWORKS - Collaborative task with Butterfly Conservation to improve habitat for small blue butterfly. Stuart Fleming 07799 894154. 9.45am meet at Arkle Manor for minibus to site. Grid ref: TQ 199 504. Nearest postcode: RH3 7HB
26	SUN	OCKHAM COMMON – Scrub clearance to maintain lowland heath habitat. Stuart Fleming 07799 894154. 10am meet at Boldermere car park (Ockham Bites) Grid ref: TQ 078 586. Nearest postcode: KT11 1NR
		HEADLEY WARREN – Clear scrub to restore chalk grassland. Simon Humphreys 07505 287220. Aslotel House car park, Pebble Close, Walton on the Hill (cul-de-sac off Headley Common Road at top of Pebble Hill) KT20 7PA
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31	FRI	COLEKITCHEN DOWN – Collaborative task with Butterfly Conservation to improve habitat for small blue butterfly. Stuart Fleming 07799 894154.10am meet at Newlands Corner for minibus to site. Grid ref: TQ 043 493. Postcode: GU4 8SE
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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 – Near Woking

Every other Thursday, habitat management and maintenance of Westfield Common. 9.30am – 12.30pm. Stuart Fleming 07799 894154

NOWER WOOD – Near Leatherhead

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

BAY POND – Godstone

Every Friday, habitat management and site maintenance of education reserve. 9.30am – 2.30pm Meet at Bay Pond, off Godstone High Street, nearest postcode: RH9 8DT. Clifford Smith 07803 159167