

# Practical Conservation Days



MARCH 2020

We run an extensive programme of conservation days for volunteers, which make a vital contribution to the management of our sites across the county:

## 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 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.

## 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 practical conservation update email (county-wide) or to register as a volunteer, contact the SWT Volunteering Team:

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

**Email:** [volunteers@surreywt.org.uk](mailto: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](http://surreywildlifetrust.org/whats-on)*

## MARCH

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| 1 | SUN | <b>CHITTY'S COMMON</b> – Clearing up and tidying around the two new ponds we have discovered!, litter picking, dig out the second pond in the meadow area, digging out pendulous grass and tree popping. 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 |
| 2 | MON | <b>ROYAL &amp; BAGMOOR COMMON</b> – Continuing bare ground creation. Jon Wells 07968 832516. 10am meet Royal Common entrance on B3001. Grid ref: SU 921 432. Nearest postcode: GU8 6LA  |
|   |     | <b>PRIEST HILL</b> – 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  |

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| 3 | TUES  | <b>SHEEPLEAS</b> – Erecting enclosure fencing to protect coppice stools from deer browsing. Ross Packman 07968 832504. 10am meet at Green Dene car park. Grid ref: TQ 092 510. Nearest postcode: KT24 5TB  |
| 4 | WED   | <b>NORBURY PARK</b> – Erecting enclosure fencing to protect coppice stools from deer browsing. Jon Wells 07968 832516. 9.45am meet at the Bothy car park. Grid ref: TQ 170 540. Nearest postcode: RH5 6DN or 10am at the recent coppicing site (for those that already know the location and live nearby).                         |
|   |       | <b>BAROSSA DTA</b> – Fire site clearance. Ben Habgood 07891 850882. 10am meet end of Kings Ride. Grid ref: SU 876 622. Nearest postcode: GU15 4JE  |
| 5 | THURS | <b>BONHURST FARM</b> – Fence repairs to enable conservation grazing. Suzie Robson 07968 832507. 9.15am minibus pick-up at Pond Farm. Grid ref: TQ 074 591. Nearest postcode: GU23 6QS. (Contact Suzie for the gate padlock code), or 10am meet at Bonhurst Farm, off Birtley Road. Grid ref: TQ 010 427. Nearest postcode: GU5 0LA |

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| 8  | SUN   | <b>NEWDIGATE BRICKWORKS</b> – Path maintenance to improve site access. Ross Packman 07968 832504. 10am meet at the car park on Mulberry Place. Grid ref: TQ 203 425. Nearest postcode: RH5 5DN   |
|    |       | <b>DAWCOMBE</b> – Remove small scrub using tree poppers and move rabbit exclosures. 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                      |
| 9  | MON   | <b>ROYAL &amp; BAGMOOR COMMON</b> – Continuing bare ground creation. Stuart Fleming 07799 894154. 10am meet Royal Common entrance on B3001. Grid ref: SU 921 432. Nearest postcode: GU8 6LA  |
| 10 | TUES  | <b>WHITMOOR COMMON</b> – Infrastructure installation on Salt Box Road to enable conservation grazing. Ross Packman 07968 832504. 10am meet Jolly Farmer car park on Burdeshott Road. Grid ref: SU 987 542. Nearest postcode: GU3 3RN   |
| 11 | WED   | <b>HOWELL HILL</b> – Improved access and fence repairs to enable conservation grazing. 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     |
|    |       | <b>BAROSSA DTA</b> – Fire site clearance. Ben Habgood 07891 850882. 10am meet end of Kings Ride. Grid ref: SU 876 622. Nearest postcode: GU15 4JE  |
| 12 | THURS | <b>POND FARM</b> – Infrastructure repairs and farm maintenance to enable conservation grazing. Suzie Robson 07968 832507. 10am meet at the old car park on the track to Pond Farm. Grid ref: TQ 077 589. Nearest postcode: GU23 6QS. (Contact the leader for the gate padlock code), |
| 16 | MON   | <b>ROYAL &amp; BAGMOOR COMMON</b> – Preparing butterfly transect. Stuart Fleming 07799 894154. 10am meet Royal Common entrance on B3001. Grid ref: SU 921 432. Nearest postcode: GU8 6LA   |
| 17 | TUES  | <b>THE FOREST</b> – Ditch maintenance to improve water flow and aquatic habitats for amphibians. Ross Packman 07968 832504. 9.45am minibus pick up from Pond Farm. Contact Ross for the padlock code. Grid ref: TQ 074 591. Nearest postcode: GU23 6QS                               |

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| 19 | THURS | <b>BROOKWOOD LYE</b> – Removal of tree safety brush from grassland areas to maintain sensitive habitat. Stuart Fleming 07799 894154. 9.45am meet at Gorsewood Road. Grid ref: SU 968 575. Nearest postcode: GU21 8XG  |
| 20 | FRI   | <b>BAY POND</b> – Habitat management and 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   | <b>FRASER DOWN</b> – Remove small scrub using tree poppers and install fencing. 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 |
| 23 | MON   | <b>ROYAL &amp; BAGMOOR COMMON</b> – Review of winter works completed and looking at upcoming spring and summer works. Stuart Fleming 07799 894154. 10am meet Royal Common entrance on B3001. Grid ref: SU 921 432. Nearest postcode: GU8 6LA                |
| 24 | TUES  | <b>PUCK'S OAK BARN</b> – Bridge and fence repairs to improve access. Ross Packman 07968 832504. 10am meet at Puck's Oak Barn (limited parking). Grid ref: SU 956 469. Nearest postcode: GU3 1EG   |
| 25 | WED   | <b>HACKHURST DOWN</b> – Fence repairs to enable conservation grazing. Jon Wells 07968 832516. 9:30am meet at the Bothy car park for minibus to site (no parking available at Hackhurst). Grid ref: TQ 170 540. Nearest postcode: RH5 6DN                    |
|    |       | <b>BAROSSA DTA &amp; POORS ALLOTMENT</b> – Review of winter works and litter pick. Ben Habgood 07891 850882. 10am meet end of Kings Ride. Grid ref: SU 876 622. Nearest postcode: GU15 4JE  |
| 26 | THURS | <b>WISLEY COMMON</b> – Fence repairs to enable conservation grazing. Suzie Robson 07968 832507. 10am meet at the old car park on the track to Pond Farm. Grid ref: TQ 077 589. Nearest postcode: GU23 6QS. (Contact the leader for the gate padlock code)   |
| 30 | MON   | <b>ROYAL &amp; BAGMOOR COMMON</b> – Deer netting down from Guinea & Bagmoor Common. Stuart Fleming 07799 894154. 10am meet Royal Common entrance on B3001. Grid ref: SU 921 432. Nearest postcode: GU8 6LA  |
| 31 | TUES  | <b>COOMBE BOTTOM</b> – Install exclosures to protect declining Juniper bushes from grazing. Ross Packman 07968 832504. 10am meet at Staple Lane car park. Grid ref: TQ 069 492. Nearest postcode: GU5 9TD   |

**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).**

**WESTFIELD COMMON VOLUNTEERS** – Near Woking

1st and 3rd Thursday of each month, habitat management and maintenance of Westfield Common. 9.30am – 12.30pm.  
Stuart Fleming 07799 894154

**NORBURY PARK LOCAL GROUP** – Mickleham

3rd Friday of each month, habitat management and conservation of the reserve. 10am – 3pm. Jon Wells 07968 832504

**BAY POND** – Godstone

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