

Volunteer Work Programme for Wormwood Scrubs Local Nature Reserve

January to December 2010

The volunteer group meets twice monthly on the second Saturday and last Tuesday of the month. We meet at 10.30am at Scrubs Lane Car Park and work until 3.30pm. The work programme consists of a mixture of practical habitat management and training in conducting wildlife surveys. The tasks may be subject to change nearer the time. Please contact Francesca Barker, Nature Conservation Officer, Francesca.barker@groundwork.org.uk for more information. Alternatively visit www.scrubs-online.org.uk

January

Saturday 9th: Clearing scrub using hand tools for the benefit of common lizards

Tuesday 26th: Clearing scrub using hand tools for the benefit of common lizards

February

Saturday 13th: Hedge laying using hand tools. Training will be given in this traditional way of managing hedgerows.

Tuesday 23rd: Hedge laying using hand tools. Training will be given in this traditional way of managing hedgerows.

March

Saturday 13th: Hedge planting. Planting a mixture of native trees to improve connectivity of the habitats on the reserve.

Tuesday 23rd: Hedge or tree planting. Planting a mixture of native trees to improve connectivity of the habitats on the reserve.

Tuesday 30th: Wildflower seed and plug planting

April

Saturday 10th: Scrubs Open Day- Annual Family Fun Day. We will be helping out with this as well making wildflower plug plants, sowing seeds, and making bird boxes.

Thursday 15th: Wildflower seed sowing at Little Wormwood Scrubs.

Thursday 22nd: Wildflower seed and plug planting at Wormwood Scrubs.

Tuesday 27th: Wildflower seed and plug planting at Wormwood Scrubs.

Friday 30th: Wildflower seed and plug planting at Wormwood Scrubs.

May

Sunday 2nd: Dawn Chorus walk led by David Lindo. Enjoy the delights of the bird breeding season by listening to a cacophony of bird song at its best.

Tuesday 4th: Wildflower seed and plug planting at Wormwood Scrubs.

Thursday 6th: Wildflower seed sowing at Little Wormwood Scrubs.

Saturday 8th: Common lizard identification and surveying. Training will be given on identifying our native reptiles and survey techniques. Hopefully we should see some common lizards today but it will be weather dependent!

Wednesday 19th: Scythe Taster training at Little Wormwood Scrubs. Learn traditional grass mowing techniques with a scythe.

Tuesday 25th: Grassland mowing with scythes at Little Wormwood Scrubs.

June

Saturday 19th: Grassland mowing with scythes at Wormwood Scrubs. Short training on wildflower identification.

Tuesday 29th: Wildflower area maintenance. Cutting and collecting the newly sown wildflower area to weaken grasses and to promote root development in the perennial wildflower plants. Watering trees and hedge plants and mulching.

July

Saturday 17th: Tree id session

Tuesday 27th: Wildflower area maintenance. Cutting and collecting the newly sown wildflower area to weaken grasses and to promote root development in the perennial wildflower plants. Watering trees and hedge plants and mulching.

August

Saturday 15th: Wildflower area maintenance. Cutting and collecting the newly sown wildflower area to weaken grasses and to promote root development in the perennial wildflower plants. Watering trees and hedge plants and mulching.

Tuesday 31st: Wildflower area maintenance. Cutting and collecting the newly sown wildflower area to weaken grasses and to promote root development in the perennial wildflower plants. Watering trees and hedge plants and mulching.

September

Saturday 11th: Make and put up nest boxes for next season.

Tuesday 28th: Scrub Clearance using hand tools to improve and maintain open scrub and grassland.

EXTRA: EVENING BAT WALK TBC

October

Saturday 9th: Planting bulbs in woodland.

Sat 23rd: Tree felling training

Tuesday 26th: Clearing scrub using hand tools for the benefit of common lizards.

November

Saturday 13th: Hedge planting

Tuesday 30th: Hedge planting

December

Saturday 11th: TBC

Tuesday 14th: TBC