

## Wildlife Action Groups information

No need to book - unless specified on the task list.

All you need is:

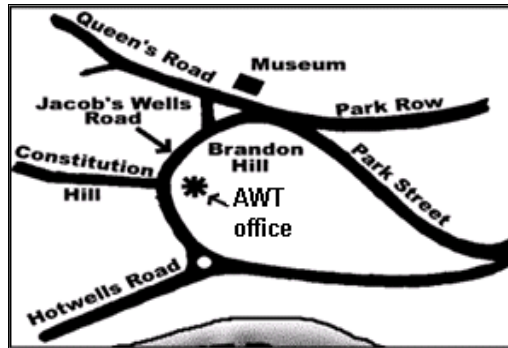
- A packed lunch
- Old clothes and waterproof coat & trousers
- Sturdy footwear (steel toe capped or walking boots and/or wellies)

Both groups meet in the Trust's office courtyard at 9.45am and leave in the minibus at 10am. We provide transport to the site, all necessary tools, training, and even tea, coffee and biscuits.

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Meet at Avon Wildlife Trust's office courtyard at 32 Jacobs Wells Road, Bristol, BS8 1DR (opposite Constitution Hill, a few houses down the road from the Hope and Anchor Pub).

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Visit our website for information on reserves, events, current campaigns, membership and other volunteering opportunities.

[www.avonwildlifetrust.org.uk](http://www.avonwildlifetrust.org.uk)

It is advisable to have an up to date Tetanus jab before joining our work

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# Wildlife Action Group Task Programme



## January- March 2012

**Avon Wildlife Trust**

# WAG Volunteers

## Wednesdays

### January

- 4th **Stockwood Open Space (ST 625 691)**  
Happy New Year! Help to manage the wildflower grasslands at this urban reserve by maintaining the grasslands by cutting back encroaching scrub.
- 11th **Folly Farm (ST 607 604)**  
Join us as the group lay hedgerow trees to make it a dense habitat for breeding birds. Fire.
- 18th **Weston Big Wood (ST 455 750)**  
Help us to push back some of the bramble from one of the coppice coupes, which has become slightly overgrown.
- 25th **Hellenge Hill (ST 344 573)**  
Work today will be in the woodland gully, keeping open the rides from the upper grasslands for invertebrates to fly through the site.

### February

- 1st **Dolebury Warren (ST 455 589)**  
The views from the hillfort are lovely and inspirational whilst removing scrub trees from the heathland area. Fire.
- 8th **Weston Big Wood (ST 455 750)**  
Bramble cutting in one of the coupes at this lovely woodland, which is beautiful in the spring with the flush of new growth.
- 15th **Lower Woods (ST 404 573)**  
Coppicing hazel and other trees will have great benefit to the woodland and its associated species at this great reserve.
- 22nd **Folly Farm (ST 607 604)**  
Last session of hedgelaying, so get your billhooks, bowsaws and stakes at the ready! Fire.
- 29th **Burledge Hill (ST 588 589)**  
Scrub removal to promote the expansion of the species rich grassland and improve the site for the grasslands associated wildlife. Fire.

### March

- 7th **Walton Common (ST 428 737)**  
Final chance before spring to open up the grassland by removing scrub bushes and brambles. Fire.
- 14th **Dolebury Warren (ST 455 589)**  
Help remove small stunted scrub trees in the heathlands at this elevated, wildlife rich reserve. Fire.
- 21st **Burledge Hill (ST 588 589)**  
Access improvement is today's task. Help us to improve the muddy trails by laying aggregate and building more steps. Fire.
- 28th **Prior's Wood (ST 782 670)**  
Channels & paths have been cut into the dense rhododendron cover at this ancient woodland. Let's continue to open up areas to allow natural regeneration by native plants. Fire.

## Sundays

### January

- 1st **No task - Bank Holiday**
- 8th **Dolebury Warren (ST 455 589)**  
Welcome in 2012 by clearing bramble and small tree removal within one of the limestone heathland areas & burning the cut material. Fire.
- 15th **Walton Common (ST 428 737)**  
The scrub removal is making a huge difference. Let's continue to improve the reserve by opening up areas on this important grassland site. Fire.
- 22nd **Bathampton Meadow (ST 782 670)**  
Dependent on the success of the December task of tree planting, the task today will either be tree planting or cutting scrub.
- 29th **Folly Farm (ST 607 604)**  
Hedgelaying is the task today laying the hedge alongside one of the orchards at the reserve. Fire.

### February

- 5th **Burledge Hill (ST 588 589)**  
Let's continue to push back the encroaching brambles and reclaim the grassland in the Humpy Tumps areas of the site. Fire.
- 12th **Chew Valley Lake (ST 782 670)**  
Cutting sapling alder trees & clearing the bund around the bittern pool are today's task.
- 19th **Stockwood Open Space (ST 625 691)**  
The smaller wildflower meadows have become less accessible for people and wildlife. Cutting back scrub will reconnect these flower rich areas.
- 26th **Hellenge Hill (ST 344 573)**  
The views from the hillside over the Somerset Levels are fantastic. Enjoy them whilst pushing back scrub in the woodland gully.

### March

- 4th **Dolebury Warren (ST 455 589)**  
The group will remove scrub from the medieval "pillow mounds", where our forbearers used to keep rabbits for their fur and as food.
- 11th **Prior's Wood (ST 782 670)**  
Rhododendron bashing today! This is part of continuing work to clear and treat the introduced species and to allow native species to regenerate. Fire.
- 18th **Goblin Combe (ST 782 670)**  
Cutting some more of the sapling trees within the grassland area today.
- 25th **Burledge Hill (ST 588 589)**  
The work of WAG and other groups have improved the footpaths enormously. Let's continue to make visiting this reserve easier by building steps, adding aggregate onto walkways and more. Fire.

**Please note: The Trust can supply transport for up to 20 people per task**