

Wild City Action Team information

Please book by emailing Rosie Maple (details below)

Please bring:

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

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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).

TUESDAY

Group meets in the Trust's office courtyard at 9.15am and leave in the minibus at 9.30am.

SATURDAY

Group meets in the Trust's office courtyard at 10am and leave in the minibus at 10.15am.

We provide transport to the site, all necessary tools, personal protective equipment (PPE), training, and hot drinks, squash and biscuits.

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

For further details please contact Rosie Maple (Living Landscapes Assistant) by emailing: rosie.maple@avonwildlifetrust.org.uk

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Tuesday 3rd April – Coombe Brook Valley LNR, ST 63106 74693

We will be finishing off the flight of steps that the team started last week. Due to the steepness of the slope we will also need to add some revetment work to give the flight some structural integrity.

Tuesday 17th April – Hawkfield Meadow, Hengrove, ST 59533 67677

We will be dusting off the bar mower ready for the first grass cut of the year. Hawkfield meadow is still in its infancy as a wildflower meadow habitat and so will need a higher input of management for the first few years until the desired equilibrium of wildflowers, grasses and scrub is achieved. By doing an early cut we are encouraging wildflowers to flourish while trying to suppress grass growth that is too vigorous.

Saturday 28th April – Saltmarsh Drive Open Space, Lawrence Weston, ST 53831 78110, 10.40am

The group will be helping to keep the Spring growth low around the newly cleared orchard area. We will be using scythes to remove some tall herb and nettle growth.

Tuesday 1st May – Dundry slopes, Hartcliffe, ST 57782 67362, 10am

We will be honing the scythe blades for a day of grass cutting at Dundry slopes. One of the smallest, yet most species rich of the meadows on site has poor access for machinery so we will be using traditional scythes to cut the grass in the meadow before the main flowering season to allow lots of space and light to reach the wildflowers and suppress the vigorous grasses.

Tuesday 15th May – Mystery task, Meeting point TBC

We will keep this day open and flexible. Check your emails closer to the time for details.

Saturday 26th May – Saltmarsh Drive Open Space, Lawrence Weston, ST 53831 78110, 10.40am

Saltmarsh drive is another location where various types of fruit tree have been unearthed. We will be managing the scrubby understory that has engulfed these trees for years, keeping the pathways open and letting the light in. We will be using a mixture of power tools and manual tools for this task.

Tuesday 29th May – Ashton Court estate, Bower Ashton, ST 55869 71962, 10am

We will be heading to this beautiful estate and nature reserve to help rid the site of a non-native invasive plant. Himalayan balsam is a shallow rooted, annual plant that produces a huge amount of seed that germinates readily and suppresses all other plant life. With many hands we hope to make a real difference to the wildflower grassland that has been invaded by this invasive plant.

Tuesday 12th June – Ashton Court estate, Bower Ashton, ST 55869 71962, 10am

We will be helping to pull Himalayan balsam for a second task day this year, see above for details. Hopefully we will have time to also have a short walk across the meadows to hunt for orchids and listen to sky larks.

Tuesday 26th June – Coombe Book Valley, Fishponds, ST 63012 74747, 10am

We will be cutting back some bramble regrowth that has threatened to swamp the recovering wildflower grassland habitat on site. We will be using only manual tools for this task.

Saturday 30th June – Saltmarsh Drive Open Space, Lawrence Weston, ST 53831 78110, 10.40am

We will be heading back to Saltmarsh drive to continue cutting back the bramble around the fruit trees on site, in order to keep it open for local amenity use and keeping it more open for wildlife.

Please check your emails closer to the time to find more information on exact meeting places and timing. Grid references denote the meeting place (if you would like to meet the group on site instead of getting a lift from HQ on Jacob's wells road).

Please note: The Trust can supply transport for up to 15 people per task