

Wildlife Action Group information

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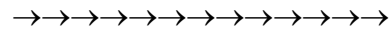
No need to book (unless specified on the task list).

Please bring:

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

The group meets 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, personal protective equipment (PPE), training, and hot drinks, squash and biscuits.



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).

Please note that the our Wildlife Action Groups have become very popular, and due to health & safety and logistics we have to limit the maximum number to 20 people. Therefore at present we are asking all potential volunteers to contact us before joining. See the Volunteer page on our web-site for updates on volunteering opportunities.

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

For further details please contact Julie (Volunteering Manager) on 0117 9177277 juliedoherty@avonwildlifetrust.org.uk

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

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Wildlife Action Group Task Programme



July - Sept
2019

WAG Volunteers

Wednesdays (Depart 10am)

July

- 3rd **Bennett's Patch and White Paddock**
Our Annual visit to the site closest to our HQ for a walk over clear of the ragwort in readiness for the annual hay cut.
- 10th **Hellenge Hill** (ST 344 576)
Ragwort is gradually being eradicated from the site but an annual walk over and pull helps to stop any remaining plants seeding and reduces the task for future years.
- 17th **Burledge Hill**
Winter works at Burledge hill are helping to pen up the grassland so we'll be criss-crossing the site topping out encroaching thistles and pulling any rag wort we find.
- 24th **Bathampton Meadow**
Annual ragwort pulls at this site have reduced the prevalence of the yellow flowered weed and we're monitoring the level of regeneration year on year which shows that annual pulls gradually reduce the number of plants.
- 31st **Folly Farm**
Scythes at the ready as we take on the steep slopes where our grazier can't get his machinery to top off the thistles before they go to see.

August

- 7th **Dolebury Warren**
We've been gradually working our way round the site replacing fence posts with our Monday volunteer group at Dolebury Warren group but it would be great to complete a section with WAG to help keep the site fenced and grazed.
- 14th **Weston Moor**
The wet meadows at Weston Moor benefit from rotational annual grass/reed cuts so we'll be tackling this years growth in the areas we can't graze with scythes and loppers. Look out for dragonflies which should be displaying well at the end of August.
- 21st **Purn Hill**
We're trying to bring Purn Hill back into good condition after being unable to graze the site for a couple of years and thistles and rank grasses need to be pushed back to allow the sensitive wildflowers to have a chance of surviving. There's also a fair bit of Cotoneaster to be cut and removed.
- 28th **Tickeham Hill**
Another chance to revive your scything skills as we tackle thistles and low lying scrub that shades out the wildflowers that make this site extra special.

September

- 4th **Brandon Hill**
Our annual hay meadow cut (assuming the council don't beat us to it) where we'll use scythes to cut the meadow and tonne bags to drag the arising and their nutrients into the woodland.
- 11th **Blake's Pools**
Following on from the last couple of years of great work at this site where we've encouraged reed regrowth which in turn draws in the nesting reed bunting and reed warblers. Wellies recommended if you're venturing onto the island.
- 18th **Charfield Meadow**
WAG don't get the chance to visit Charfield Meadow very often but we've made great strides in the last few years through good grazing and sensitive meadow management. We'll have the scythes and pitchforks out again as we hay cut part of the meadow with occasional distractions from passing trains.
- 25th **Littleton Brick Pits**
As the reed bunting and reed warblers make their way back south we want to undertake an early reed cut at LBP to encourage fresh growth for next year's migrant breeders.

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