

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 Officer) by emailing: rosie.maple@avonwildlifetrust.org.uk

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

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Spiked star of Bethlehem,
Pete Goodwin ©

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Tuesday 8th January – Folly Farm, Bishop Sutton, ST 60627 60472, 10.15am

The first group of the New Year we will be travelling out of Bristol to our nature reserve Folly Farm in Bishop Sutton for a one off session. Avon Wildlife Trust have access to a robomower flail machine for one week only, so we need all hands on deck to help rake, burn and dispose of the cuttings. Folly Farm is a gem of a reserve set in the heart of the Chew Valley with 100 ha of unimproved and semi-improved grassland, ancient woodland and orchards.

Saturday 19th January – Stockwood Open Space, Stockwood, ST 62399 68748, 10am

We will be heading to Stockwood Open space to continue our coppicing work in the woodland that lies between the orchard and the species rich grassland glades. We will be reducing the cover of scrubby species like hawthorn to let more light down to the woodland floor, to encourage blooming ground flora and to increase the structural diversity of the trees (so they regrow at different heights). We will be creating fences to surround the freshly cut coppice stools to prevent over browsing by deer.

Tuesday 22nd January – Hawkfield Meadow, ST 59277 68036, 10am

We will be using a mix of power and manual tools to widen the path between the central meadow area and the smaller, recently created grassland area that the WCAT have been cutting for the last few years. If we can create a pathway that is wide enough for heavy machinery then we can eventually get this area on the council hay cut contract which is a more sustainable method of management.

Tuesday 5th February – Dundry Slopes, Hartcliffe, ST 57776 67362, 10am

We will be continuing our work opening up some of the many footpaths that traverse this wonderfully wild site in South Bristol. Dundry slopes is a site that comprises a mosaic of semi-improved grassland, ancient hedgerows and secondary woodland. It has suffered from a certain amount of neglect in the last few decades and we would like to make it a more inviting and easy place for the local public to visit and enjoy.

Saturday 16th February – Saltmarsh Drive Open Space, Lawrence Weston, ST 53831 78110, 10.40am

Task TBC – we have a few options of jobs to do here this winter, and will wait until closer to the time to decide what job is top priority.

Tuesday 19th February – Coombe Brook Valley, Speedwell, ST 63114 74702, 10am

We will be clearing bramble scrub from an area of this reserve where we plan to plant an orchard in the next couple of years. We will use a mixture of manual and power tools to clear the area and also help to widen the footpaths that lead around this local wildlife site in central Bristol.

Tuesday 5th March – Northern Slopes, Knowle, Meeting point TBC, 10am

We will be clearing scrub from Glyn vale local wildlife site in Knowle, there are pockets of semi-improved grassland on site that are in danger of being lost to scrub encroachment.

Saturday 16th March – Stockwood Open Space, Stockwood, ST 62399 68748, 10am

We will be heading to Stockwood Open space to continue our coppicing work in the woodland that lies between the orchard and the species rich grassland glades. We will be reducing the cover of scrubby species like hawthorn to let more light down to the woodland floor, to encourage blooming ground flora and to increase the structural diversity of the trees (so they regrow at different heights). We will be creating fences to surround the freshly cut coppice stools to prevent over browsing by deer.

Tuesday 19th March - Mystery Task

We like to give ourselves some flexibility in programming to account for poor weather, unfinished tasks etc.

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 that no prior experience is required to join these days. All newbies will receive health and safety briefs and relevant training on site.

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