



KSCP Canterbury Area Volunteer Program

Summer/Autumn 2017



Welcome to the latest Canterbury Area Volunteer Programme.
We run tasks every Thursday across the eastern half of the
Stour Valley, from Chartham to Sandwich.

Date	Location and Details
6th July	Port Rill, Wingham - continuing with the work we began here in May for the Internal Drainage Board, adding woody debris to enhance the channel
13th July	Port Rill, Wingham - the third and final task day here, which will include planting-up the silty banks
20th July	Sidelands, Wye - helping to pack up and move the workshop to Chilham
27th July	Sidelands, Wye - more workshop moving
3rd Aug	Westgate Gardens, Canterbury - building more of the river planters we installed last year to improve the river habitat
10th Aug	Westgate Gardens - a second week of building river planters
17th Aug	St Radigunds Riverside, Canterbury - installing post and faggot revetment to protect the riverbank from erosion and improve habitat
24th Aug	St Radigunds Riverside, Canterbury - more work in the river
31st Aug	St Radigunds Riverside, Canterbury - a third week of post and faggot
7th Sept	Wademarsh, Thanet - clearing Parrot's Feather, an invasive non-native species, from ditches for the Internal Drainage Board
14th Sept	Tyler Hill LNR, near Canterbury - after a break of several years, we now carry out an annual mow of the grassland at this lovely Local Nature Reserve
21st Sept	Riverside at Fordwich - a litter pick by canoe, courtesy of our friends at Canoe Wild. Plenty of litter accessible on foot, if you prefer
28th Sept	Wademarsh, Thanet - a return to the marshes to clear Parrot's Feather

Please note that task venues may change without warning, therefore ring
Task Leader **Martin Thomas** first if you are planning to meet us on site.

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Information for Volunteers

Pick up details

Please be at North Lane car park in Canterbury for 9.45am on the day of the task where you will get a lift to the site in the KSCP minibus or landrover - no need to telephone or book a place (unless stated). You can expect to be dropped off again by 4.45pm, although this may vary slightly. If you would like to make your own way to the work site, please ring to confirm details and get directions.

What to bring

Make sure you bring a packed lunch and a drink. Some refreshments are provided on the day. It is advisable to wear strong footwear, especially steel toe capped boots if you have any, work gloves and waterproofs just in case. In the summer it may also be a good idea to bring a sun hat and sun cream. In winter be sure to wear plenty of warm clothes.

Health and Safety

As mentioned above, in summer guard yourself against the sun and bring plenty of cold drinks - dehydration is a serious consideration at this time of year. There will always be at least one First Aider on the work task. Safe and responsible use of tools is emphasised by the group leader. If you have any particular medical conditions, or are on medication, please let the group leader know at an appropriate moment. Volunteers should also ensure that their tetanus immunisation is up to date.

Under 16s

Under 16s are permitted on task if accompanied by a guardian or on a school placement.

Facebook Posts

We are making a special effort at Kentish Stour to shout louder about the great work we do. We are making more use of social media, and would love to have posts and pics on our Facebook page from our volunteers. Search for Kentish Stour Countryside Partnership on Facebook and have a look.

The Kentish Stour Conservation Volunteers work on a wide range of projects helping landowners and communities throughout the Canterbury and Wantsum area. New volunteers are always welcome – no experience necessary as training and guidance on projects is given by the group leader and other volunteers. There is also no need to book or obligation to come out. Conservation volunteering is a social and enjoyable way of seeing hidden corners of the countryside and is an opportunity to contribute positively to enhance its beauty and value for wildlife.

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