KSCP Ashford Conservation Volunteers

Welcome to the Spring Ashford Volunteer Programme. We run conservation tasks every Wednesday. Details that you need to know prior to task days appear overleaf. Please note that task venues may change without warning, therefore please ring our office first if you are planning to meet the team on site!

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	Venue & Task	**Grid Ref** **Post Code**
Jan 3	**ACW – tree work / hedge laying**	TQ 983 410 TN23 5HG
Jan 10	**Bybrook LNR**– wetland / scrub management	TR 014 442 TN24 9JL
Jan 17	**Benacre/Brimstone Wood**	TQ 947 439
Jan 24	**Dering Wood (3/5)**	TQ 900 447
Jan 31	**Dering Wood (4/5)**	TQ 900 447
Feb 7	**Evegate Wetland Trail – nature trail reinstatement Bockhanger Wood – sycamore removal**	TR 068 390 TN25 6SX
Feb 14	**Dering Wood (5/5)**	TQ 900 447
Feb 21	**Loudon Wood, clear culverts etc**	TQ 990 434 TN23 3HL
Feb 28	**AGC** TBC	TBC
Mch 7	**Willesborough Dykes** – reptile habitat management	TR 015 412
Mch 14	**Pent Downs** – Scrub clearance. Clear young small scrub encroaching downland.	TR 141 392
Mch 21	**Kings Wood** – Living Arch maintenance	TR 024 499 TN25 4DG
Mch 28	**New workshop** – tools and general jobs	TR 073 543 CT4 8BN

Volunteer Information

Pick up details

- Pick up from the Civic and Stour Centre Car Park (Ashford International Station end – opposite skate park) at 09.30/40.

You can expect to be back at the Civic and Stour Centre car park by 4.15pm, 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. It is advisable to wear strong footwear with a suitable firm sole with good grip. Steel toe capped boots must be worn by those using heavy machinery and strimmers/brushcutters. Work gloves will be provided. In the summer it is a good idea to bring a sun hat and sun cream. In winter be sure to wear plenty of warm clothes and remember your waterproofs!

Health and Safety: As mentioned above, in summer guard yourself against the sun and bring plenty of cold drink – 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, and only then if they do not pose any risk to themselves or other members of the group through irresponsible use of tools.

Will it be a winter wonderland this year? Picture taken in Wye February 2009.

The Kentish Stour Conservation Volunteers work on a wide range of projects helping landowners and communities throughout the Ashford District. New volunteers are always welcome – No experience is necessary, as training and guidance will be given on projects 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. There is a chance to learn new skills and the work itself can be very rewarding.

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