



# KSCP Canterbury Area Volunteer Programme

Autumn/Winter 2018



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
Oct 4 <sup>th</sup>	Denstroude Pond - clearing pond vegetation, including invasive <i>Crassula</i>
Oct 11 <sup>th</sup>	Hambrook Marshes, Canterbury - various jobs, including maintaining ditches and scrapes
Oct 18 <sup>th</sup>	Wade Marsh - our final visit of the year to Thanet to clear invasive Parrot's Feather from drainage channels
Oct 25 <sup>th</sup>	Whitehall Meadows, Canterbury - clearing ditches of vegetation to create a varied habitat for birds, insects and mammals
Nov 1 <sup>st</sup>	North Downs Way, Chartham Hatch - continuing with our work to improve drainage along the National Trail
Nov 8 <sup>th</sup>	Willow Wood, Upper Harbledown - coppicing along a public right of way to improve the footpath surface
Nov 15 <sup>th</sup>	Blean Wood NNR - Hand-coppicing along a woodland ride to allow woodland plants to flourish
Nov 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Hambrook Marshes, Canterbury - hand coppicing on the old railway embankment to enhance the area for reptiles
Nov 29 <sup>th</sup>	Hambrook Marshes - a second week of coppicing on the embankment
Dec 6 <sup>th</sup>	No Mans Orchard, Chartham Hatch - Clearing bramble from around the apple trees
Dec 13 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Task - location to be confirmed

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

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## Volunteer Information

### 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, and only then if they do not pose any risk to themselves or other members of the group through irresponsible use of tools.

### 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 Stour Valley. 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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