

# KSCP Ashford Conservation Volunteers



**Welcome to the Winter/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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<b>DATES</b>	<b>Venue &amp; Task</b>	<b>Location</b>
January 2nd	NO TASK – HOLIDAY	
January 9th	<b>Dering Wood</b> – cont. coppicing 3/5 <b>Early start 9.00 pick-up Stour Centre / 9.30 on site</b>	TN27 0SY TQ 900 447
January 16th	<b>Benacre/ Brimstone Wood</b> various tasks	TN26 IER TQ 947 439
January 23rd	<b>ACW</b> Woodland – hedge laying	TN23 5HG TQ 983 410
January 30th	<b>Dering Wood</b> - cont. coppicing 4/5 <b>Early start 9.00 pick-up Stour Centre / 9.30 on site</b>	TN27 0SY TQ 900 447
February 6th	<b>Dering Wood</b> - cont. coppicing 5/5 <b>Early start 9.00 pick-up Stour Centre / 9.30 on site</b>	TN27 0SY TQ 900 447
February 13th	<b>Boys Hall</b> Reptile grassland management Park as task below... meet on site as per grid ref	TR 028 410
February 20th	<b>Boys Hall</b> Coppicing hazel woodland	TN24 0LF TR 030 412
February 27th	<b>Boys Hall</b> Reptile grassland management Park as task above... meet on site as per grid ref	TR 028 410
March 6th	<b>Givaudan</b> – task tbc	TN24 0LT TR 030 430
March 13th	<b>Loudon Wood</b> – task tbc	TN23 3HL TQ 990 434
March 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Pent Downs</b> – scrub control (with EKC too)	TR 141 392
March 27th	<b>Kings Wood</b> – Living Arch and B52 sculptures – reweaving and clearing management	TN25 4DG TR 024 499
March 30th	TBC	

# 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. (except Dering task see over)

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 trimmers/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.

Frost glistens on a winter Morning



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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