

2012 Mid Week Programme January to March

This list may change at short notice please ring first or meet at the pick up point

JANUARY

- 4th **Fleam Dyke SSSI** – Elder is in the teams sights at the start of 2012. Working south of the A11 we will be cutting down a large swathe of it leaving it in piles to let it dry out a bit before we burn it on the next task at the end of the month.
- 11th **Beacon Course CWS** – This rapidly improving site will get a course of scrub clearance and privet removal when we visit it.
- 18th **Haslingfield Pit CWS** – As always scrub and grass need to be cut and cleared.
- 25th **Fleam Dyke SSSI** – We shall be burning the elder that was cut at the beginning of the month. We shall also be cutting more elder ready for the task at the end of February.

FEBRUARY

- 1st **Ruddery Pit SSSI** – This very nice site needs to have large areas of scrub to be cleared to allow the chalk grassland to return to its former haunts.
- 8th **Caxton Moats CWS** – A favourite site for the team we will be continuing to help the interesting grassland species by clearing scrub and cutting grass.
- 15th **Wellcome Trust, Hinxton** – The ponds need to be cleared of some of the aquatic vegetation to allow a wider array of species to survive.
- 22nd **Fleam Dyke SSSI** – It will be this winters last visit to the southern end of the Dyke. We should have managed to have cleared a considerable amount of the elder from the base of the Dyke. This will allow various chalk loving plant species to spread down the slope, with the help of gravity!
- 29th **Roman Road SSSI** – The team's last visit this winter should leave this site perfect for the oncoming growing season. Most scrub will have been cut and a lot of the grassland would have been cleared.

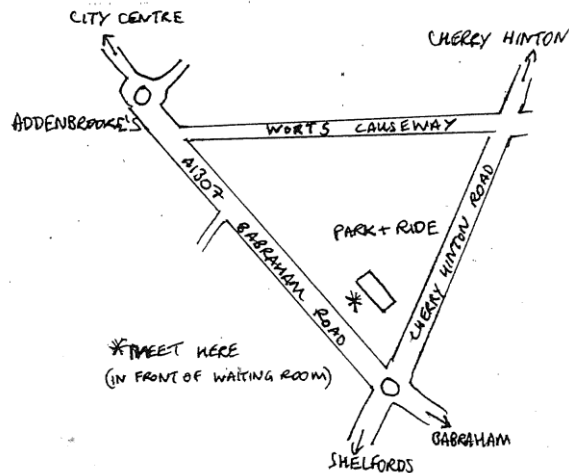
MARCH

- 7th **Great Wilbraham Common SSSI** – This site was once regularly visited by the midweek volunteer team to help clear scrub and pull ragwort in the summer. We shall be joined by some locals who would like to see what is involved in the work we do with the intention of setting up a volunteer team solely for the Common.
- 14th **Ickleton Pit CWS** – This nice little chalk grassland suffers a bit too much from invading clematis. The teams task is to help keep it in check to allow such plants as horseshoe vetch and autumn gentian to survive and spread.
- 21st **Fleam Dyke SSSI** – We shall be working north of the A11 endeavouring to knock back the scrub and clear the longer grass of this nationally important chalk grassland site.
- 28th **Thriplow Meadows SSSI** – This delightful wetland is grazed by cattle but they need a helping hand when it comes to dealing with the stands of sedge and rush. We will be clearing large areas of these plants ready for the growing season and the plethora of scarce plants that make this site their home. Southern Marsh Orchid, Ragged Robin, Marsh Arrowgrass can all be found here.



Other Information

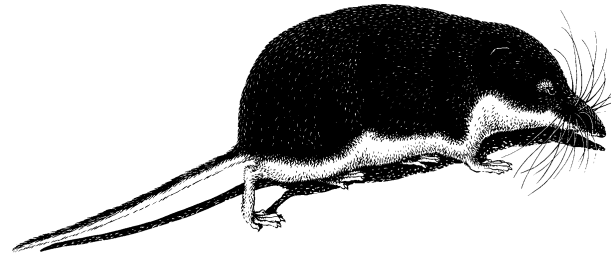
- Bring a packed lunch
- Wear old clothes, strong shoes and bring waterproofs
- All tools and necessary training is provided
- Free transport from Babraham Road Park and Ride, meet at 9.30am (see map below)
- Tasks start at 10am and finishes by 4pm
- All tasks include a tour of the site and information on wildlife habitats
- Don't forget to have a Tetanus jab!



Are you looking for fresh air, fun and exercise?

If so, why not join the Mid-Week Volunteer Group and do some important and worthwhile work at the same time.

Newcomers are always welcome.



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