

Programme July - September 2009

This list may change at short notice, please ring first to confirm

JULY

- 7th **Byrons Pool LNR*** – We will be cutting the meadow to reduce the growth of nettles and hogweed in preparation for the introduction of wildflower seed mix in the autumn. We will also be removing any Himalayan balsam that we may have missed.
- 14th **Stourbridge Common CWS** – Nettles and creeping thistle have become dominant in certain areas of this important grassland. The group will be helping reduce this problem as well as checking the adjacent Coldhams Brook for signs of floating pennywort or Himalayan balsam.
- 21st **Hairstreak Search** – Starting at the Newmarket Road Park and Ride site we will be visiting a number of sites across the city to hopefully catch a glimpse of some of our less common butterflies such as white-letter and purple hairstreaks.
- 28th **Coldhams Brook north** – The highly invasive plant, floating pennywort, has been reduce by previous work parties. However we need to continue this valuable work to make sure this species has disappeared from this site.

AUGUST

- 4th **Barnwell East LNR*** - With the Redpoll cattle due to return in the next couple of weeks, we will be cleaning up the water trough, fixing signage and checking the site is safe for their return. We will also be clearing any rosebay willowherb that the cows might not fancy munching
- 11th **Barnwell East LNR*** - A return visit to this site to continue the work from last week.
- 18th **TBC**
- 25th **Coldhams Brook north** – The highly invasive plant, floating pennywort, has been reduce by previous work parties. However we need to continue this valuable work to make sure this species has disappeared from this site.

SEPTEMBER

- 1st **Adams Road Sanctuary CWS** - It is the time of year to cut back common reed. For the next three weeks we shall be doing this at two different sites.
- 8th **Perse Girls School Nature Reserve** – This very important riverside nature reserve needs an area of its reedbed cut and cleared. Also it is hoped that some of the flood meadow will also be cut.
- 15th **Adams Road Sanctuary** – As above but also we will be cutting the vegetation along the entrance ride.
- 22nd **TBC**
- 29th **Coldhams Common Triangle** – This very flower rich area of Coldhams Common needs its annual cutting and clearing. We shall also be keeping the invasive bramble and scrub at bay.



*Tasks on Local Nature Reserves are carried out in partnership with Ellis Selway, Community Reserves Officer who will jointly lead these days. For more information on Local Nature Reserve's in Cambridge, contact Ellis Selway.

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Directions to work sites

Look out for a white van!

Adams Road Sanctuary - Meet at the corner of Adams Road and Sylvester Road, off Grange Road.

Barnwell East LNR – Meet at the reserve entrance on Uphall Road, off Coldhams Lane.

Byron's Pool LNR – Meet in the carpark south of Grantchester Road between Trumpington and Grantchester. From Trumpington the turning is after the village and just before some cottages.

Coldhams Brook north – Meet at the Newmarket Road entrance to Coldhams Common.

Coldhams Brook south – Meet at the layby on Barnwell Road opposite Camgas plc.

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Nine Wells LNR – Take private road off the Shelford side of Granhams Road and park up in a convenient place just beyond the house.

Perse Girls School Nature Reserve – Meet at the playing field gates on Latham Close off Latham Road off Trumpington Road near Botanic Gardens.

Stourbridge Common – Meet at the Riverside entrance to Stourbridge Common.

Can't make the Green Belt Project Wednesday Mid-week Conservation Group but want a day of fresh air, fun and exercise? Or just enjoy Wednesday so much you need to do another day?

Then come and join the City Greenways Project Tuesday Conservation Group.

The City Greenways Project works in the same way as the Cambridge Green Belt Project, but is solely based within Cambridge City boundaries. Cambridge City Council help set up and fund the project. Work needs to be carried out on the wildlife sites of Cambridge to protect the wildlife present.

Things you need to know

Bring a packed lunch.

Wear old clothes, strong shoes and bring waterproofs.

All tools and necessary training is provided.

Arrive at site the work site for 9.30am and finish by 3.30pm.

Don't forget your tetanus jab.

And most importantly of all...tea and biscuits are provided.

Details on how to get to each site can be found on this leaflet.

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TUESDAY CONSERVATION GROUP

Events List



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