



July - December 2018 – Friday Conservation Projects for Volunteers

Date	Location	Project	Meeting point	Notes
13 th July	Hurst Bank, Castlemorton Common Grid ref. SO 793 394	Reducing the spread of Creeping Thistle from this grassland which is important for wildflowers and Skylarks.	Car park on the southern edge of Welland village, on the western side of the B4208, WR13 6LD. Grid ref. SO 7925 3957.	
27 th July	Hangman's Hill Grid ref. SO 763 391	Reducing the spread of Creeping Thistle from this hilltop rich with wildflowers including Common Rockrose.	British Camp car park, on the A449, WR13 6DW. Grid ref. SO 7631 4039. Follow MHT signs on foot.	20 minute walk southwards to relatively level work site.
10 th Aug	Chase End Hill Grid ref. SO 7572 3494	Reducing the spread of Common Ragwort from this southern hill.	Follow MHT signs from the B4208 at Camer's Green (WR13 6AG, Grid ref. SO 7754 3508) to the small parking area on the south-western slope (HR8 1SE, Grid ref. SO 7572 3494).	Please car share if possible.
24 th Aug	Hay Slad Bog Grid ref. SO 7658 4480	Clearing Bracken and scrub to improve the diversity of flora at this important wetland.	Lay-by opposite Hay Slad Spring (a popular water collection point) on West Malvern Road, WR14 4BG. Grid ref. SO 7663 4479.	Please bring wellies.
14 th Sep	Pinnacle Hill Grid ref. SO 769 418	Ongoing clearance of Silver Birch saplings from the SSSI grassland, the habitat for numerous species including Meadow Pipits.	Gardiner's Quarry car park on Jubilee Drive, WR13 6DN. Grid ref. SO 766 420.	* Steep – 20 minute walk to steep work area *
28 th Sep	Table Hill Grid ref. SO 766 464	Clearing scrub from the hilltop and the nearby Westminster Bank Spout (Grid ref. SO 7646 4617).	Park on Westminster Bank or nearby roads along West Malvern Road, WR14 4BA. Grid ref. SO 763 462. Follow MHT signs on foot up Table Hill.	*Steep – 20 minute walk to steep work area*
12 th Oct	Perseverance Hill Grid ref. SO 770 431	Cutting Sycamore saplings from near the top of the eastern slope.	Jubilee (aka Plateau) car park on Jubilee Drive, WR13 6DQ. Grid ref. SO 7679 4343. Additional parking is at Lower Beacon Road car park, WR14 4EJ. Grid ref. SO 7686 4380.	* Steep – 15 minute walk to steep work area *

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26 th Oct	Ragged Stone Hill Grid ref. SO 759 363	Clearing Bramble and scrub to extend the area of acid grassland which is a nationally important habitat.	Take the B4208 south from Welland village to Rye Cross, then turn west onto the A438 towards Ledbury. At the brow of the hill, look out for MHT signs into Hollybush car park, HR8 1ET. Grid ref. SO 7588 3688.	*Steep – 30 minute walk to steep work area*
9 th Nov	Townsend Way Community Woodland Grid ref. SO 796 475	Tree thinning and scrub removal to improve the woodland structure.	Some parking available on North End Lane and on the roadside of the industrial estate. Meet opposite Whiteacres Medical Centre, WR13 5AD. Grid ref. SO 7959 4758.	
23 rd Nov	Hollybush Roughs Grid ref. SO 764 376	Thinning Bramble and scrub in the woodland that is important for Redstarts and Pied Flycatchers.	From Welland Village, follow MHT signs across Castlemorton Common passed Swinyard car park, to a lay-by about half a mile further south. HR8 1EU. Grid ref. SO 7642 3763.	*Steep – 25 minute walk to very steep work area*
7 th Dec	Park Wood, West Malvern Grid ref. SO 762 443	Coppicing Hazels in the ancient semi-natural woodland as part of ongoing coppice restoration.	Park at the top of The Purlieu by West Malvern Road, WR14 4EH. Grid ref. SO 7676 4386. Or at Lower Beacon Road car park, WR14 4EJ. Grid ref. SO 7686 4380. There's limited parking on the rough Brockhill Road.	10 minute walk down The Purlieu, following MHT signs.
21 st Dec	Hangman's Hill, Ephemeral Bank Grid ref. SO 7657 3880	Cutting Bracken and low-growing Brambles away from the rare spring ephemeral grassland.	From Welland Village, follow MHT signs across Castlemorton Common to a cross roads with New Road. Turn northwards onto a rough track to park after half a mile, WR13 6LH. Grid ref. SO 7694 3871.	10:00 – 13:00 *Please join us for a Christmas drink afterwards*

Conservation days are held between 10am and 4pm, but you are welcome to come and go at any time in between. Tools and refreshments are provided along with friendly guidance. You may wish to bring lunch. Please have clothing suitable for practical work and changeable weather, plus sturdy boots. Children aged under 18 and vulnerable adults need to be accompanied by an adult. For further details please contact the wardens on 01684 892002.