

A programme of Conservation Volunteering to improve local green spaces. <u>Join in whenever suits you.</u>

Norfolk Environmental Action Team

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Join us whenever you can, we do not require any regular commitment to attend. FREE Minibus leaves at 10am from the Corner of Queens Road & Brazen Gate, by the traffic lights and glass canopy next to the big Sainsbury's near Norwich bus station [what3words: single.affair.robe]. If you would like a lift from near UEA, please ask. Booking is NOT usually needed - just turn up any day, but to be sure of a place on the minibus for days marked BM below, contact mark.webster@tcv.org.uk / 07740 899 691. See end of this document for more info, including details about who can attend (most people). Sessions run from arrival on site (depends on traffic and travel distance) to 3.15pm on site. If you do not need to get the minibus back, you can leave whenever you need to (just let the leader know). Minibus returns to central Norwich by 4.15pm at the latest. Mobile number to contact us on the day: 07740 899 691.

Date	Site	Activity	Site Meeting Point (if coming by car or bike) at 10.15am unless otherwise stated
Mon 6 th	East Ruston Poors Land	Shake the Rust off. If you have been sat still a lot over Xmas, it's time	Car park at Butchers Arms, at junction of Oak Lane with School Road, East Ruston, NR12 9JQ (OS grid ref: TG 345
		to unfreeze those joints and get moving with some gorse and willow control at this SSSI.	282). [what3words: inflates.square.victory] Arriving approx 10.45am.
Tues 7 th	Upgate Common NEW SITE	Swan(nington) Upping. Pond restoration at this exciting and very varied SSSI site.	By notice boards at the far western end of the Common, Upgate (south of Swannington), Norfolk, NR9 5AH. (O.S. Grid Ref: TG 142 182) [what3words:

			messaging.mermaids.hooks] Arriving approx 10.25am
Wed 8 th	East Ruston Poors Land	Ruston, Rust off. Time to get off the sofa and on to the heath to help control invasive scrub.	Car park at Butchers Arms, at junction of Oak Lane with School Road, East Ruston, NR12 9JQ (OS grid ref: TG 345 282). [what3words: inflates.square.victory] Arriving approx 10.45am.
Thurs 9 th	Flordon Common NEW SITE	Four to the Flor. Another brand new site! Hopefully a few more than four of you will join us for pulling up little alder seedlings at this superb SSSI wetland.	Opposite gate marked "Harvey House", Norwich Road (north of Marsh Lane), Flordon, NR15 1RZ. (O.S. Grid Ref TM 181 974) [what3words: sheep.apart.winter] Arriving approx 10.30am
Fri 10 th	Netherwoo d Green Woods PT	Nether have I ever - seen such big brambles! Cutting back some of the brambles which are covering the slopes.	At the entrance to the woods near Webster Court, Lakenfields (take Stratford Drive off Long John Hill), NR1 2HB. [what3words: effort.left.pills]. Or minibus from Brazen Gate at 10am as usual.
Mon 13 th	Queen's Hills Community Park	Laurel and Hardy plants. Laurel may be a tough customer, but we will cut it back to let light in for woodland wildflowers.	Where a surfaced footpath comes off Alfred Munnings Road, between the Longwater Shopping Centre and Queen's Hills housing estate, Costessey, Norwich: nearest postcode NR8 5EY. (OS grid reference TG 153 117) [what3words: lows.science.remarking] Arriving ~ 10.25am.
Tues 14 th	East Ruston Poors Land	Welcome to the Rust Belt. Tackling areas of heathland	Car park at Butchers Arms, at junction of Oak Lane with School Road, East Ruston, NR12 9JQ (OS

		that have declined and got into a poor state.	grid ref: TG 345 282). [what3words: inflates.square.victory] Arriving approx 10.45am.
Wed 15 th	Horsford Horsebeck Way	You can lead a Hors to waterbut the new woodland path we are making is for pedestrians!	Horseback Way (by the junction with Beckside), Horsford, NR10 3SY (OS grid ref: TG 189 159). [what3words: spellings.thirsty.meaty] Arriving approx 10.25am. WC at village hall.
Thurs 16 th	Upgate Common NEW SITE	Upgate and down dale. Up to Swannington and down to the pond to restore wetland habitats.	By notice boards at the far western end of the Common, Upgate (south of Swannington), Norfolk, NR9 5AH. (O.S. Grid Ref: TG 142 182) [what3words: messaging.mermaids.hooks] Arriving approx 10.25am
Fri 17 th	Queen's Hills Community Park	Laurel Canyon. Cutting back invasive laurel in the woods (soundtrack by Joni Mitchell, Carole King etc).	Where a surfaced footpath comes off Alfred Munnings Road, between the Longwater Shopping Centre and Queen's Hills housing estate, Costessey, Norwich: nearest postcode NR8 5EY. (OS grid reference TG 153 117) [what3words: lows.science.remarking] Arriving ~ 10.25am.
Mon 20 th	Queen's Hills Community Park PT	Positively and absolutely the last meadow cutting of 2024! And into 2025 with some willow and birch felling.	WheMe a surCaced footpath comes off Alfred Munnings Road, between the Longwater Shopping Centre and Queen's Hills housing estate, Costessey, Norwich: nearest postcode NR8 5EY. (OS grid reference TG 153 117) [what3words: lows.science.remarking] Arriving ~ 10.25am.

Tues 21 st	Acle New Cemetery NEW SITE	Nothing but a heart- Acle. Hedge aftercare at this new wildlife-friendly burial ground.	Acle Cemetery, Pyebush Lane, Acle, NR13 3QZ. (O.S. Grid Ref TG 401 110) [what3words: riverboat.denoting.d ecay] Arriving approx 10.20am WC at community centre / library
Wed 22 nd	East Ruston Poors Land	Don't get Rusty! Keep practising your gorse and willow removal at this SSSI heathland and fen.	Car park at Butchers Arms, at junction of Oak Lane with School Road, East Ruston, NR12 9JQ (OS grid ref: TG 345 282). [what3words: inflates.square.victory] Arriving approx 10.45am.
Thurs 23 rd	Acle New Cemetery NEW SITE	Acles and painstaking. Carefu lly weeding round planted trees, hopefully not creaking too much!	Acle Cemetery, Pyebush Lane, Acle, NR13 3QZ. (O.S. Grid Ref TG 401 110) [what3words: riverboat.denoting.d ecay] Arriving approx 10.20am WC at community centre / library BM Please book for minibus
Fri 24 th	Horsford Horsebeck Way	At your Beck and call. Making a new pathway for people to enjoy.	Horseback Way (by the junction with Beckside), Horsford, NR10 3SY (OS grid ref: TG 189 159). [what3words: spellings.thirsty.meaty] Arriving approx 10.25am. WC at village hall.
Mon 27 th	Wymondha m Greenland Avenue NEW	Making this a Green Land. Greening up an open space with new hedging.	Junction of Lavender Road and Verbena Drive (accessed from Greenland Avenue), Wymondham, NR18 0FT. [what3words: item.providing.decorated] Arriving at approx 10.25am. L (cafe) WC at Waitrose
Tues 28 th	Diss Ensign Way	Ensign of the Times. Taking	Car park in front of Victoria Market, 17 Victoria Road (A1066), Diss, IP22 4HW. [what3words:

		action by planting a new hedge.	minority.printout.wished] Arriving at approx 10.45am. WC at train station or John Doe shop
Wed 29 th	Wymondha m Greenland Avenue NE W SITE	This Green and pleasant Land. Adding to the traditional landscape of England with a new hedge.	Junction of Lavender Road and Verbena Drive (accessed from Greenland Avenue), Wymondham, NR18 0FT. [what3words: item.providing.decorated] Arriving at approx 10.25am. WC at Waitrose
Thurs 30 th	Diss Scholars Walk NEW	A Brown Study? Students, Scholars and everyone else welcome to plant a new hedge.	Near play area, Scholars Walk, off B1077 Shelfhanger Road, Diss, IP22 4EA [what3words: swooned.evaporate.anchorman] Arriving at approx 10.45am. L (fish and chips) WC in town centre BM Please book for minibus.
Fri 31 st	Dalbier Close NEW SITE	(Don't push me, 'cos I'm) Close to the Hedge. Hedge planting on the edge of the city.	By turning circle at the far end of Dalbier Close, Thorpe St Andrew, Norwich, NR7 0RP. [what3words: dollar.closes.relay] WC at Sainsburys

PT means petrol-powered tools likely to be in use for at least some of the day. WC means toilets within walking distance.

BOOKING There is usually enough space for everyone on the minibus if we are working in or near Norwich, but for some longer trips the minibus might get full, if you wish you can email or text Mark (details below) to be sure of a place on the bus – this is especially advised on days marked BM above. If you would find it helpful to ask us anything before coming on a project for the first time, please do contact us - see below. Otherwise, if you are over 18 and don't have any unspent convictions for serious crimes, you can just turn up and join in. If you are 16 or 17 you will need a parent or guardian to sign our permission form before you can get started - please contact us if you need one. If you have unspent convictions for sexual or violent offences, you will not be able to volunteer with TCV (please contact us for a confidential chat if you need to check if this applies to you).

<u>MEETING POINTS</u> If you would like a map, or directions to the site, please contact us. FREE Minibus transport is available from outside stated pick-up points only, returning to the same place at the end of the session. We do our best to keep to time, but due to traffic etc, timings are approximate.

WE PROVIDE All tools and protective equipment are provided, please bring your own refreshments (drinks and a packed lunch) for the day, unless a task is marked **L** above, when lunch is provided from a nearby shop or takeaway. If a site has toilets this is indicated on the programme by '**WC**' in the 'Site Meeting Point' column. If the toilet is more than 5 minutes walk away we will go there by minibus at lunchtime.

<u>PLEASE WEAR</u> Old work clothes, suitable for the weather. If you have them, please bring reasonably sturdy shoes or boots, and rainwear. We provide work gloves and everything else necessary for the task. You are advised to check if your tetanus inoculation is up to date.

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