

Somerset Wildlife Trust West Mendip Hills Conservation Volunteers
Task List 22 – 4th September 2019 – 19th February 2020

Date	Reserve	Task – All start at 10.30 am.	Meet
4 th September	Ubley Warren	Clearing bramble and other scrub from limestone rakes, preventing loss of habitat for rare plants	Roadside at the Charterhouse end of Velvet Bottom ST 503 555
18 th September	Yoxter Range	Reducing the amount of gorse on the nationally important calaminarian grassland in the heathland.	Chancellors Farm off the B3135 Plummers Lane at ST52 5526
2 nd October	Draycott Sleights	Breaking up large areas of scrub into smaller blocks to form a grassland scrub mosaic, continuing the grassland restoration work on the lower sleight	Roadside at reserve entrance ST 486 514 Please car share if possible **
16 th October	Middledown	Scrub clearance with bonfire, focussing on species rich grassland slopes with exposed limestone outcrops	Park in lay-by at the top of the Gorge road at ST 495 533 (nr Cheddar Head)
30 st October	Cheddar Wood	Creating a woodland edge / grassland mosaic on Callow Bank at the top of the reserve, to improve habitat for butterflies and other insects.	Callow Rock SWT office car park at ST 447 560
13 th November	Bubwith Acres	Scrub clearance to maintain and restore species rich grassland	Park in the lay-by (for “Totty Pot”) at the top of the Gorge Road at ST486 535
27 th November	Cheddar Wood	Coppicing along the ride edge, and thinning standard trees to improve light for coppice regrowth	Callow Rock SWT office car park at ST 447 560
11 th December	Black Rock	Joint task with the AONB volunteer group, cutting back scrub to open up links between areas of limestone grassland. Christmas bonfire!	Black Rock Gate (Cheddar Gorge Road) ST 482 545
25 th December <i>Xmas day</i>	No Task	Happy Christmas!	No Task
8 th January	Rose Wood	Coppicing a hazel coupe within the wood to regenerate trees and improve light for ground flora	Roadside layby (Picnic site) on the A371 Axbridge by-pass (ST424548).
22 nd January	Cheddar Wood	Coppicing a hazel coupe in the wood to improve habitat for dormice, as part of the Countryside Stewardship work.	Callow Rock SWT office car park at ST 447 560
5 th February	Harridge Woods	Clearing bramble from around young planted trees. This will not only increase the health and survival of the planted trees but also help us control the Himalayan balsam growing here.	Park at the reserve entrance for Harridge Woods, ST 648 484, in Nettlebridge off the A367
19 th February	Lots Grassland	Planting up gaps in the hedgerow	Park in lay-by at reserve entrance at ST 476 564 or in Lots reserve at ST 479 564 (opp. Piney Sleight drive) if necessary

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** Parking limited; car share if possible