

**Somerset Wildlife Trust West Mendip Hills Conservation Volunteers**  
**Task List 22 – 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020 – 19<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Reserve</b>	<b>Task – All start at 10.30 am.</b>	<b>Meet</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> March	Draycott Sleights	Cutting out low lying bramble to prevent loss of species rich grassland & removing young hawthorn growth with tree poppers	Roadside at reserve entrance ST 486 514 Please car share if possible **
18 <sup>th</sup> March	Black Rock	Clearing low lying bramble and hawthorn regrowth from calcareous grassland at risk of scrub encroachment	Black Rock Gate (Cheddar Gorge Road) ST 482 545
1 <sup>st</sup> April	Draycott Sleights	Repairing/replacing stock fencing, continuing on from the group's previous work along New Road	Roadside at reserve entrance ST 486 514 Please car share if possible **
15 <sup>th</sup> April	Middledown	Dry stone walling & improving stock proof fencing around the dew pond to prevent livestock access to pond and hay meadow	Park in lay-by at the top of the Gorge road at ST 495 533 (nr Cheddar Head)
29 <sup>th</sup> April	Middledown	Dry stone walling & fence repairs around the reserve	Park in lay-by at the top of the Gorge road at ST 495 533 (nr Cheddar Head)
13 <sup>th</sup> May	Cooks Fields	Dry stone walling & fence repairs around the reserve	Deer Leap car park - ST 520 494 (Priddy to Ebbor Gorge Road)
27 <sup>th</sup> May	Chancellors Farm	Dry stone walling along flag alley	Meet at Chancellors Farm off the B3135 Plummers Lane at ST 525 526
10 <sup>th</sup> June	Yoxter	Repairing stock fencing & "troop stiles" used for access around the reserve	Meet at Chancellors Farm off the B3135 Plummers Lane at ST 525 526
24 <sup>th</sup> June	Cooks Fields	Dry stone wall repairs & ragwort pulling around the hay meadows	Deer Leap car park - ST 520 494 (Priddy to Ebbor Gorge Road)
8 <sup>th</sup> July	Middledown	Ragwort pulling in top hay meadow before hay cuts take place in mid-July	Park in lay-by at the top of the Gorge road at ST 495 533 (nr Cheddar Head)
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Velvet Bottom	Bracken control to restore species rich grassland, and clear the roman lead mining archaeology of vegetation	Black Rock Gate (Cheddar Gorge Road) ST 482 545
5 <sup>th</sup> August	Middledown	Cutting, raking & crushing bracken to reduce its density and encourage a greater diversity of grassland species in the sward	Park in lay-by at the top of the Gorge road at ST 495 533 (nr Cheddar Head)
19 <sup>th</sup> August	Black Rock	Bracken control & ragwort pulling to maintain species rich calcareous grassland slopes	Black Rock Gate (Cheddar Gorge Road) ST 482 545

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\*\* Parking limited; car share if possible