

East Poldens Conservation Volunteers



This small, friendly group works with the Reserves Manager on a variety of practical habitat management tasks at nature reserves in South Somerset. You will meet like-minded people and learn new skills while working in the beautiful Polden Hills. There will be a short introduction to the reserve and the work at the start of each task.

We meet at 10.20am and finish at 3.45pm but all help, for however long, is welcome. There can be up to half a mile walk from car parking to work site. No experience is required and tools are provided.

YOU WILL NEED: Packed lunch, sturdy footwear, work gloves, waterproofs and hardy outdoors clothes. Tea and biscuits provided, but please bring your own mug! An up-to-date anti-Tetanus injection is strongly advised for most outdoor activities.

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Autumn & Winter Task List August 2023 – February 2024

Date	Reserve	Task	Meet (10.20am) ¹
<i>Tue 29 August</i>	White Field	Cutting and raking off reedbed and orchard	Wild Lea car parking area, adjacent Brook Farm, Barton Road, Butleigh. ST527327
<i>Tue 12 September</i>	Green Down	Dismantling gallop fence	Roadside lay-by just past the bottom of the track to Green Down, west of Charlton Mackrell. ST512289
<i>Tue 19 September</i>	Dundon Beacon	Cutting & raking vegetation on woodland ride and glade	Goose Lane/School Lane, Compton Dundon, TA11 6TE. ST480325
<i>Tue 26 September</i>	Great Breach Wood	Cutting & raking vegetation in woodland glades	O Frost Forestry entrance to Great Breach Wood, south of Wickham's Cross, Butleigh. ST506324
<i>Tue 3 October</i>	Babcary Meadows	Trimming hedge and installing new fence	Babcary Sports Field, North Street, Babcary, TA11 7EB. ST564287
<i>Tue 10 October</i>	Turn Hill	Cutting & raking vegetation from limestone grassland	Roadside adjacent gate to National Trust Turn Hill, High Ham. ST413315
<i>Tue 17 October</i>	Green Down	Clearing fence line and dismantling fence along gallop	Roadside lay-by just past the bottom of the track to Green Down, west of Charlton Mackrell. ST512289
<i>Tue 24 October</i>			
<i>Tue 31 October</i>	New Hill	Clearing scrub on limestone grassland	Worley Hill, accessed from stoned track signed 'Oakwood Grange' off B3151 at Littleton. ST497310
<i>Tue 7 November</i>	Tannager	Clearing scrub on limestone grassland	O Frost Forestry entrance to Great Breach Wood, south of Wickham's Cross, Butleigh. ST506324
<i>Tue 14 November</i>			
<i>Tue 21 November</i>	Gilling Down	Coppicing and clearing scrub on limestone grassland	O Frost Forestry entrance to Great Breach Wood, south of Wickham's Cross, Butleigh. ST506324
<i>Tue 28 November</i>			
<i>Tue 5 December</i>	Aller Wood	Coppicing a hazel coupe	Roadside adjacent gate to National Trust Turn Hill, High Ham. ST413315
<i>Tue 12 December</i>	Green Down	Coppicing and clearing scrub on limestone grassland	Roadside lay-by just past the bottom of the track to Green Down, west of Charlton Mackrell. ST512289
<i>Tue 19 December</i>			

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<i>Tue 9 January</i>	Great Breach Wood	Coppicing hazel along the edges of woodland rides	O Frost Forestry entrance to Great Breach Wood, south of Wickham's Cross, Butleigh. ST506324
<i>Tue 16 January</i>	Dundon Beacon	Coppicing a hazel coupe and along woodland edge	Goose Lane/School Lane, Compton Dundon, TA11 6TE. ST480325
<i>Tue 23 January</i>			
<i>Tue 30 January</i>	Gilling Down	Clearing scrub on limestone grassland	O Frost Forestry entrance to Great Breach Wood, south of Wickham's Cross, Butleigh. ST506324
<i>Tue 6 February</i>	Aller Wood	Clearing fence line	TBC
<i>Tue 13 February</i>	Great Breach Wood	Coppicing hazel along the edges of woodland rides	O Frost Forestry entrance to Great Breach Wood, south of Wickham's Cross, Butleigh. ST506324
<i>Tue 20 February</i>	Gilling Down	Clearing fence line	O Frost Forestry entrance to Great Breach Wood, south of Wickham's Cross, Butleigh. ST506324
<i>Tue 27 February</i>			

¹Clicking on the meeting place description will open the location in Google Maps