

VOLUNTEER WORKDAYS : MARCH – JUNE 2018

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SUNDAY 4 MARCH

BOULTHAM MERE

Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust

We will be cutting back scrub and removing encroaching willow along the edge of the pools and ditches. We usually have a bonfire too. This is a lovely little reserve tucked away just a few minutes from Tritton Road and not widely known about. Sally will co-lead this task with Richard.

(Probably) meet in Farm Foods car park, Tritton Road, Lincoln
Grid ref: SK 964 705

Contact: Richard 07814 414285

Toads emerge, the first summer migrant birds appear, blackthorn flowers – loved by early insects, queen bumblebees emerge

WEEKEND 17 / 18 MARCH

**SCULTHORPE MOOR, NR
FAKENHAM, NORFOLK**

Hawk and Owl Trust

A residential away weekend working on a community nature reserve in the Wensum Valley, with woodland, fen and reed bed habitats. We will be mainly using 'tree popper' tools to remove saplings from a large area of open fen. We will stay at the Dunton Centre, Shereford, and share food, travel and accommodation costs.

Travel on Friday 16th evening, staying at the Dunton Centre, Shereford, Norfolk, NR21 7PN.

Contact: Jonathan 07708 016019

SUNDAY 8 APRIL

**KIRKSTEAD OLD MILL
COTTAGE**

Private Owner

Working for the owner of this delightful private nature reserve and wildlife garden on the banks of the river Witham. Tasks will include clearing footbridges and cutting back scrub. We may have a bonfire too. Barbara will kindly provide hot baked potatoes and eggs but please feel free to bring along something to share.

Meet at the cottage – LN10 6UQ

Grid ref: TF 188 603

Contact: Nick 07812 522418

SUNDAY 22 APRIL

BOULTHAM MOOR WOOD

*Moorland Local People
Project*

We will help with ongoing work at this local site. They have been working to create a wildflower meadow, as well as tackling brambles, path maintenance and hedgerow planting. We will help with whatever is seasonally appropriate bearing in mind birds will be nesting.

Meet on Walford Drive, LN6 7NP
(near the end of Cotman Walk)

Grid ref: SK 953 687

Contact: Julian 07900 805049

SUNDAY 6 MAY

**HILLSIDE COMMUNITY
GARDENS**

Green Synergy

This is a relatively new project. We will be lending our support to help in the development of this community green space, undertaking seasonal tasks. The 2.5 acre site is being developed to create wheelchair-accessible raised beds, fruit cages, poly tunnels, therapeutic gardens and a wildflower meadow. Soup and rolls might be on offer!

Meet outside Green Synergy's office at 49 Roman Pavement, LN2 5RD

Grid ref: SK 994 716

Contact: Jude 07770 742471

SUNDAY 20 MAY

MONKS WOOD

Nettleham Woodland Trust

Today we will be mulching oak trees in the new Cathedral Copse (putting a thick layer of compost around them to feed them and keep moisture in the soil). Also helping with other seasonal tasks. We normally have a good variety of things to do on visits here. This woodland was started from scratch, with the first trees planted in 2009. Sophie will co-lead.

Meet at the reserve. Ashing Lane is 2nd right (from Lincoln) off the A46 Dunholme bypass.

Grid ref: TF 041 793

Contact: Jeff 07813 919662

SUNDAY 3 JUNE

HARTSHOLME PARK

City of Lincoln Council

Our main task will be pulling invasive ragwort. There might be some litter picking too. We will also note any unusual flora and fauna, vertebrates and invertebrates we see. We have found the cast skins of grass snakes on previous visits. This is a nice time of year to be in the park.

Meet at Hartsholme Rangers Office (opposite the café)

Grid Ref: SK 946 695

Contact: Sally 07759 940885

Wild orchids, dog rose and honeysuckle are in flower, the breeding season for birds is in full swing, damsel flies emerge as adults

SUNDAY 17 JUNE

FISKERTON FEN

Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust

Work will include some grass scything and cutting back of encroaching growth along paths. We will also be re-staining benches and fences and going in search of bee orchids!

Meet at the reserve car park (Near Short Ferry).

Grid ref: TF 084 720

Contact: Sophie 07891 846961