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| **VOLUNTEER WORKDAYS : NOVEMBER 2022 TO FEBRUARY 2023**  Organised by Lincoln Conservation Group | | | |
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| SUNDAY 6 NOVEMBER  **WILDER DODDINGTON**  *Doddington Hall Estates* | A first visit for us to this impressive estate of countryside, Hall, gardens, shops and restaurants. The owners are embarking on an ambitious 100-year project to bring more nature back to the estate, ‘rewilding’ as it’s commonly known. Our day might include litter picking and/or removing barbed wire fencing. | | Meet at Doddington Hall, Doddington, Lincoln. Exact meeting point to be confirmed.  w3w:  Contact: Jeff 07813 919662 |
| SUNDAY 20 NOVEMBER  **THURLBY WOOD**  *Private wood\** | A good place for our second winter task, visiting one of our longest standing sites. In this super privately owned wood near Gainsborough the day’s work is likely to include cutting back encroaching scrub for the benefit of wild flowers and coppicing. | | Meet at the wood entrance.  Grid ref: SK 848 862  w3w: overlaid.scramble.approvals  Contact: Jonathan 07708 016019 |
| SUNDAY 4 DECEMBER  **HARTSHOLME PARK**  *City of Lincoln Council* | Hedgelaying, an ancient art, is our task for today. It’s a satisfying job, where it’s often best to work in pairs. To lay a hedge we cut part way through the stems then bend them to the horizontal. This encourages new shoots to grow upwards, creating a thicker hedge that is stock proof and a good habitat for wildlife. | | Meet at Hartsholme Rangers Office (opposite café).  Grid ref: SK 946 695  w3w: gets.officials.mindset  Contact: Julian 07900 805049 |
| SUNDAY 18 DECEMBER  **TUNMAN WOOD**  *Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust* | This is one of our regular winter sites. We will continue with coppicing and ride management to maintain an open habitat. As it is quite a large wood we work in a different part of it each year. Last spring some of us enjoyed a walk here one evening to see the fantastic display of bluebells the wood is famed for. | | Meet at the Wardens Office at Whisby Nature Park.  Grid ref: SK911 663  w3w: group.darting.dumplings  Contact: Niamh 07789 834150 |
| TUESDAY 27 DECEMBER  **THURLBY WOOD**  *Private wood\** | Too much rich Christmas food? Come and blow away the cobwebs and get some fresh air in our second trip of the winter to this lovely wood. Help Colin, the wood’s custodian (as he describes himself), with seasonal winter work. We will probably be coppicing and clearing areas of scrub to let more light reach the woodland floor. | | Meet at the wood entrance.  Grid ref: SK 848 862  w3w: overlaid.scramble.approvals  Contact: Jude 07770 742471 |
| SUNDAY 8 JANUARY  **HILLSIDE COMMUNITY GARDENS**  *Green Synergy* | This ever-developing innovative community garden is our location for today and we will help out with whatever work they are currently doing. If you haven’t been here in a while you will probably be surprised at how much the gardens have evolved. | | Meet at Green Synergy’s office: 49 Roman Pavement, LN2 5RD.  w3w: wiping.blues.poems  Contact: Lorna 07986 272785 |
| SUNDAY 22 JANUARY  **HORNCASTLE COMMUNITY WOOD**  *Lincolnshire County Council* | This small community wood planted by volunteers in 2002 has a wildlife pond, fruit trees and a willow bed. Today we will be helping to widen some of the woodland rides and to thin out some of the smaller trees. Our last trip here was in 2013 so we look forward to seeing how it has changed. | | Meet in the car park at the wood.  Grid ref: TF 262 679  w3w: display.rounds.placidly  Contact: Nicola 07900 805149 |
| SUNDAY 5 FEBRUARY  **SOUTH WITHAM MARSH**  *Hill Holt Wood* | A new site for us. This 10-acre wet grassland site, managed by Hill Holt Wood, includes marshy grasslands, ponds and woodland. Seasonal winter work will be the order of the day, but exactly what we will be doing will depend on how their programme of works has progressed over the winter. | | Meet at entrance to the site footpath.  Grid ref: SK 963 678  w3w: pasting.chugging.braved  Contact: Sophie 07891 846961 |
| SUNDAY 19 FEBRUARY  **SCOTGROVE WOOD**  *Forestry Commission* | Another site that we have been going to for many years. We will carry on with our work of cutting back regrowth to keep the rides clear and opening up glades to improve the light levels around the woodland edges for the benefit of the flora and fauna that thrive in these spaces. | | Meet at the wood entrance just past Scotgrove Farm (Henry Lane).  Grid ref: TF 130 698  w3w: tags.built.reverses  Contact: Danielle 07850 911492 |
| *\* These workdays raise funds for the group* | | w3w (what3words): what3words.com | |