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| **VOLUNTEER WORKDAYS : DECEMBER TO FEBRUARY 2022**  Organised by Lincoln Conservation Group | | | |
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| SUNDAY 19 DECEMBER  **SCOTGROVE WOOD**  *Forestry Commission* | Our involvement with the management of this wood goes back to 2006. We will be coppicing trees along the woodland edges to stop them encroaching onto the main rides. This keeps the glades open and light, and is good for the many plants and animals that thrive there. | | Meet at the wood entrance just past Scotgrove Farm (Henry Lane)  Grid ref: TF 130 698  w3w: tags.built.reverse  Contact: Jeff 07813 919662 |
| TUESDAY 28 DECEMBER  **THURLBY WOOD**  *Private owner \** | Our traditional Christmas task and a very nice place to do it. Our second visit this winter to this super ancient woodland near Gainsborough. We will continue with coppicing and other work, as directed by the owner.  We know that the number of volunteers we provide is a big help in managing this wood. | | Meet at the wood entrance  Grid ref: SK 848 862  w3w: overlaid.scramble.approvals  Contact: Jude 07770 742471 |
| Coppicing is an ancient form of woodland management that involves repeated felling of stems from the same stump, near to ground level, and allowing shoots to regrow from that stump (the coppice stool). It produces lots of fast-growing timber without the need to replant so historically it was very important to local economies. | | | |
| SUNDAY 9 JANUARY  **TUNMAN WOOD**  *Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust* | Going back to 1774 this wood still retains characteristics of ancient woodland despite being extensively managed over the years. We will tackle ride management to keep the paths clear and general coppicing, especially of the hazels. | | Meet at the Warden’s Office at Whisby Nature Park. Note: this may change; watch for the leader’s email.  Contact: Danielle 07850 911492 |
| SUNDAY 23 JANUARY  **BARLINGS WOOD, LANGWORTH**  *Lincolnshire County Council* | Our second visit to help with tree planting at this new woodland site. Come along and help the council toward its tree planting target. We will be planting whips of a mixed variety of native woodland species. | | Meet at the field entrance in Langworth along Barlings Lane.  Directions to be confirmed by the leader.  Contact: Sophie 07891 846961 |
| SUNDAY 6 FEBRUARY  **PUBLIC PARK IN SAXILBY**  *Saxilby Parish Council* | There is woodland copse all around this public park which needs to be thinned out to allow more light in and improve the diversity of the flora and wildlife. There are some small trees to remove and also some other general thinning out work. We may have a bonfire, depending on conditions. | | Meet at the main park entrance along Westcroft Drive, Saxilby.  Grid ref: SK 892 760  w3w: zones.ridiculed.microchip  Contact: Jonathan 07708 016019 |
| Snowdrops are in flower. Tawny owls call in the dark evenings. Bumble bee queens emerge to start new colonies. Ladybirds will sun themselves on milder days. Bluebell leaves are pushing through the soil. Catkins appear on alder trees. Birdsong begins to grow louder as they days lengthen. | | | |
| SUNDAY 20 FEBRUARY  **SMALLHOLDING IN UPTON, GAINSBOROUGH**  *Private owner \** | This smallholding is quite diverse and boasts 2 meadows, an orchard, a small woodland and a large pond. The biggest task will be dragging cut hedge material for a bonfire and to create habitat piles. Also some coppicing, dead hedging and other ad-hoc tasks depending on numbers. A nice and varied task for us at a new site. | | Meet at house, Cow Lane, Upton, Gainsborough.  Grid ref: SK 891 872  w3w: height.dockers.wildfires  Contact: Lorna 07986 272785 |
| \* These workdays raise funds for the group | | w3w (what3words): what3words.com | |