



Newsletter

The Conservation Volunteers in The National Forest

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Welcome to the TCV National Forest newsletter.

Supported by The National Forest Company, we provide a wide range of practical conservation volunteering in The National Forest.

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Big Green Weekend at Swadlincote Woods

On the weekend of 3rd-6th October The Conservation Volunteers celebrated its 55th Birthday with our Big Green Weekend. Lots of events took place throughout the country including Swadlincote Woods in the Heart of The National Forest. This was an opportunity for local people to see what we do at Swadlincote Woods and to get involved with their local woodland.



Joining us at Swadlincote Woods was Breeze, a heavy logging horse who helped us extract timber arising from the management of the woodlands at Swadlincote Woods. Visitors had the opportunity to drive Breeze through the woodlands to help move the timber off the woodlands.

We will be at Swadlincote Woodlands with a variety of family nature activities again on **Saturday 22nd November**. Why not bring your children along and come and speak to us about getting involved in the work we do at Swadlincote Woods.

For more information on this event and about volunteering at Swadlincote Woods please contact us on 01283 223327 or t.watkins@tcv.org.uk

Volunteering opportunities

Midweek Volunteer Team

Every Tuesday

Meet outside Snibston Discovery Centre, Coalville at 9.30am

Finish at 4.00pm

Every Thursday

Meet at our office at Conkers (Waterside) at 9:15am or at Swadlincote Bus Station at 9.30am

Finish at 4.00pm

Swadlincote Woods

First Tuesday of every month and most other Tuesdays until the end of March. Meet at Swadlincote Woods at 10.00am. Contact us to find out where we are.



We need more volunteers to help us with the winter woodland work

It has come to that time of year where our volunteers are busy managing woodlands in The National Forest. Every Tuesday and Thursday our volunteers carry out woodland thinning and tree pruning on many different sites including Swadlincote Woodlands and Bardon Hill SSSI. We are looking for more volunteers to help us. You can also get involved with other types of conservation work including dry stone walling, footpath construction and fence construction. If this is something you would like to get involved with please contact us on 01283 22332 or t.watkins@tcv.org.uk. You do not need any previous experience as we will give you all the training you need. You will need to wear boots and suitable outdoor clothing. We provide hot and cold drinks and biscuits on site.

Dry stone wall repairs at Orton on the Hill

Our volunteers were asked by Hinckley and Bosworth District Council to repair a section of wall surrounding the church in Orton on the Hill. The wall had been damaged by a tree which was close to falling. It took three days for the team to dismantle the wall and rebuild it from the foundations. Dry stone walling is one of the many skills you could learn by volunteering with us or enrolling on our City and Guilds Work Based Diploma in Environmental Conservation. Please contact us if you would like to learn more about these opportunities.



Volunteering opportunities

Weekend events at Swadlincote Woods

We are running a number of weekend events at Swadlincote Woodlands with a variety of conservation volunteering and environmental activities on offer.

Saturday 22nd November 2014
Saturday 13th December 2014
Saturday 31st January 2015
Saturday 28th February 2015
Saturday 28th March 2015

For more information on these events please contact us on 01284 223327 or email t.watkins@tcv.org.uk

City and Guilds Level 1 and 2 Work Based Diploma's in Environmental Conservation

If you are interested in our diploma courses please contact our Leicester office on 0116 271 0178 or email c.fern@tcv.org.uk

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