

January - June 2018 – Saturday Conservation Projects for Volunteers

Date	Location	Project	Meeting point	Notes
6th Jan	Chat Valley, North Hill Grid ref. SO 771 462	Cutting scrub from around the rocky exposures that are essential for the Grayling butterfly.	North Quarry car park, North Malvern Road, WR14 4LT. Grid ref. SO 771 469.	* Steep – 30 minute walk to very steep work area *
3rd Feb	Park Wood, West Malvern Grid ref. SO 762 443	Coppicing Hazels in the ancient semi-natural woodland as part of ongoing coppice restoration.	Park at the top of The Purlieu by West Malvern Road, WR14 4EH. Grid ref. SO 7676 4386. There's limited parking on Brockhill Road.	10 minute walk down The Purlieu. Rough track for vehicles.
3rd Mar	Castlemorton Common Grid ref. SO 780 393	Scrub clearance at this long-established bird ringing site.	Take the B4208 south from Welland village and follow MHT signs to take the first right onto Hancock's Lane, WR13 6LG. Grid Ref: SO 7839 3934.	10 minute walk to work area on level ground.
7th Apr	Pinnacle Hill Grid ref. SO 769 418	Ongoing clearance of Silver Birch saplings from the SSSI grassland, the habitat for numerous species including Meadow Pipits.	Gardiner's Quarry car park on Jubilee Drive, WR13 6DN. Grid ref. SO 766 420.	* Steep – 15 minute walk to steep work area *
5th May	Ephemeral Ridge, Worcestershire Beacon Grid ref. SO 7721 4476	Extending the area of the rare spring ephemeral grassland.	Earnslaw Quarry car park, Wyche Road, WR14 4EF. Grid ref. SO 7705 4418.	*Steep – 15 minute walk to very steep work area*
2nd Jun	Swinyard Flush, Swinyard Hill Grid ref. SO 764 381	Weakening bracken growth to allow wild flowers, reptiles and butterflies to flourish at this important site.	Take the B4208 south from Welland village and follow MHT signs across Castlemorton Common to Swinyard car park, WR13 6BX. Grid ref. SO 7663 3813.	

Conservation days are held between 10am and 4pm, but you are welcome to come and go at any time. Tools and refreshments are provided along with friendly guidance. You may wish to bring lunch. Please have clothing suitable for practical work and changeable weather, plus sturdy boots. Under 18 year olds and vulnerable adults must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. For further details please contact the wardens on 01684 892002.