

2018 Mid-Week Programme April to June

This list may change at short notice please ring first or meet at the pick up point

APRIL

- 4th **Thriplow Meadows SSSI** – This nationally important wetland site supports an impressive number of southern marsh orchids, as well as numerous less showy but equally important species. But without annual management these impressive numbers and species would slowly dwindle, so the team will be cutting and clearing the encroaching sedge and rush to allow these important species to continue to thrive. **Meet at Babraham Road Park and Ride**
- 11th **NO TASK**
- 18th **Thriplow Meadows SSSI** – As above. **Meet at Babraham Road Park and Ride**
- 25th **Thriplow Meadows SSSI** – As above. **Meet at Babraham Road Park and Ride**

MAY

- 2nd **East Pit SSSI** – A very special site in the city, the county and the country, this reserve holds a suite of interesting and scarce species. The team will be undertaking work to make sure that they stay!
- 9th **Fulbourn Fen nature reserve.** 15 years ago, Moat Meadow at Fulbourn Fen was in a sorry state. Scrub was encroaching and the less desirable species, such as thistle, nettle and hemlock were holding sway. But with the removal of the scrub and the judicious use of cattle the site has made a turn for the better! All it really needs now is the last remaining hemlock plants to be dug out. And this is just what the team are going to do! **Meet at Babraham Road Park and Ride**
- 16th **Dawn Chorus walk** – Spend the morning at an internationally important wetland site and enjoy all that the avian world can offer. The early volunteer catches the bird so the rendezvous time and place will be 5.30am outside Kelsey Kerridge Sport Centre. Don't forget your binoculars! Places are limited so please let Iain know if you wish to attend.
- 23rd **Coldhams Common LNR and Coe Fen New Bit** – After an impressive amount of scrub and grass being cleared over the winter all that this locally important site needs is the invasive hoary cress removing. Every year the task gets completed faster, but it still needs to get completed, it would only take a couple of years of not getting controlled to allow this rampant species to dominate the grassland.
- 30th **Roman Road and Devils Dyke SSSI's.** At this time of year all that the idle hands of the Midweek Conservation team can do is clear invasive plants. Cutting grass and clearing scrub is a no, no. So, the team will be visiting two of the three linear chalk grassland sites in south Cambridgeshire and be doing just that. **Meet at Babraham Road Park and Ride**

JUNE

- 6th **Barnwell East LNR** – Those invasive plants are not going to know what has hit them after this task!
- 13th **Sheeps Green** – With the combination of cattle chomping and volunteers cutting and pulling the once burgeoning thistle population on this picturesque site is rapidly being reduced. Therefore, allowing the more appropriate floodplain meadow species to take their place.
- 20th **River Cam** – The River upstream from the City is really getting a lot of attention recently. There has been a sterling amount of work done recently to help rid it of floating pennywort. The Midweek team will be returning to have a good old go at beating Himalayan balsam into submission. **Please meet at the Lammas Land car-park in Newnham.**
- 27th **TBC** – Call Iain Webb on 07734 478461

Directions to work sites

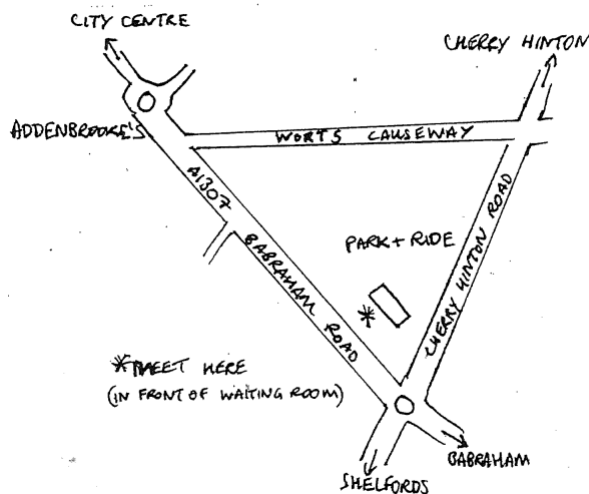
Barnwell East LNR - Meet at the reserve entrance on Uphall Road, off Coldhams Lane.

Coldhams Common LNR - Meet at the layby on Barnwell Road opposite Camgas plc.

East Pit SSSI - Meet at the entrance of the nature reserve on Lime Kiln Road.

Sheeps Green LNR - Meet in the Lammas Land car-park, Newnham.

BABRAHAM ROAD PARK AND RIDE



The Trust has now combined the two volunteer conservation teams into one. Now working solely on Wednesdays the team will carry out essential conservation management on wildlife sites within Cambridge and in the surrounding parishes.

For sites in the City the team will meet there, for those out of the city volunteers can either make their own way to the site, or can meet at the Babraham Road Park and Ride site at 9.30am for a lift.

Things you need to know

Bring a packed lunch.

Wear old clothes, strong shoes and bring waterproofs.

All tools and necessary training is provided.

Arrive at site the work site for 9.30am and finish by 3.30pm.

Don't forget your tetanus jab.

And most importantly of all...tea and biscuits are provided.

Details on how to get to each site can be found on this leaflet.

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