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It's been a good few months for LCV, not least because the unusually mild autumn has led to a run of really fine days out. We've been along to two volunteer fairs, one run by the Edinburgh Volunteer Centre and one by Edinburgh University, which have generated an encouraging number of new volunteers, so well done to those who helped out.

Despite last-minute changes in dates, we have ensured that all of our frequent minibus drivers have up to date MiDAS certification, and Matt McCabe is in the process of getting his provisional minibus licence before starting the training proper.

The ceilidh was a very enjoyable night for all those who were there, though regrettably around fifteen more people were needed for us to break even. An enormous amount of work goes into the ceilidh and it is dispiriting not to make money. We very much hope for a healthier turnout next year.

On a wholly positive note, LCV's latest pub quiz outing was close to victorious with the team finishing only two points off the lead and more than pleased with themselves.

And finally, this year sees the return of the New Year Resi after a break: fingers crossed that it doesn't snow like last year!

Louisa Martin, Co-ordinator



How to book and what to bring



Sunday Tasks

We meet on the north side of St. Andrew Square at 9.30 a.m. prompt—look out for our white minibus. We normally aim to return around 5.30 p.m. Bring a woolly hat, waterproofs, a packed lunch and boots or wellies—steel toe-cap wear is recommended. If you have your own work gloves, you might want to bring them, though we do have gloves that anyone can borrow. Pack plenty of drinking water and wear warm clothes. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided.

Transport is free: phone Debbie—our Transport Secretary—by the Friday evening before the task to book your seat so that we know how many tools to take and so that we don't go without you. Early booking is recommended. We only have 12 seats in the bus, so please do come if you've booked or others will miss out. If the bus is full, or if it's easier for you, you can of course meet us at the task site, but please inform Debbie so we can confirm the meeting point and arrival time with you. We don't cancel if it's raining. If you are under 18 you are welcome on task as long as you are accompanied by a parent or guardian, but you must be 16 to come in our bus. Please ensure that your tetanus vaccination is up to date.

Residential Tasks

Residentials are great fun and they allow LCV to undertake larger tasks further from Edinburgh. They involve a weekend away to work on the Saturday and Sunday. We leave on Friday night and usually take in a chip shop on the way. We get back to Edinburgh on Sunday evening.

Regardless of the time of year, bring a complete change of clothing so that you can get out of your work clothes in the evening. Remember that the weather can be very changeable, so bring a warm jumper and hat and above all don't forget a waterproof jacket and trousers and sturdy footwear. A water bottle is recommended. Unless otherwise indicated you'll probably need to take a sleeping bag and, if sleeping on the floor, a Karrimat or air-bed.

On residential tasks, breakfasts, lunches and the evening meal are organised by a volunteer. Everyone helps to prepare the food. The fare is usually vegetarian and there is plenty of it. Food for a weekend usually works out at £8 – £10 each. Pick-up is from St. Andrew Square at 7.30 p.m. on Friday, unless otherwise stated. If you want to go on a residential task, please book with the Transport Secretary. Bookings will be accepted for weekend residential tasks up to the preceding Wednesday evening.

Monthly committee meetings

Every second Tuesday of the month we have a meeting to discuss LCV business at 16 Forth St, off Broughton St. We leave a notice near the door with a mobile number to call so we can let you in. All welcome to the meeting; we often go for a drink in a local pub afterwards.

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Conservation Tasks: see also www.lcv.org.uk

December	Sun 18	Bawsinch	Dogwood removal
	Dec 30 – Jan 3	Scone residential	Rhododendron & box removal
January	Sun 8	Aberlady Bay	Sea buckthorn control
	Sun 15	Beecraigs	Path work
	SAT 21	Bawsinch	Dogwood control/pond work
	Sun 22	Beecraigs	Path work
	Sun 29	Gore Glen	Broom control
February	Sun 5	Beecraigs	Path work
	Sun 12	Bawsinch	Dogwood control/pond work
	SAT 18	Roslin Glen	Woodland management
	Sun 19	Spottiswoode	Brush clearance
	Sun 26	Gore Glen	Tree planting
March	Sun 4	Leadburn	Path work/tree planting
	9 – 11	Taynish residential	Gorse management
	SAT 17	Roslin Glen	Path work
	Sun 18	Roslin Glen	Path work
	Sun 25	Spottiswoode	Tree planting



Other events: see also www.lcv.org.uk

December	Sun 18	8pm	Mulled wine & mince pies
	Tues 20	6.30pm	Christmas market
January	Tues 10	7.30pm	Monthly committee meeting
	Sat 28	7pm	Burns Supper
February	Tues 14	7.30pm	Monthly committee meeting
	Wed 29	7pm	Film night
March	Tues 13	7.30pm	Monthly committee meeting
	Mon 26	7.30pm	Pub quiz at the Cumberland