Conservation Diary

Winter & Spring 2012

January

04	Gallows Bridge Farm, Grendon Underwood – Hedge management	SP669200
11	Heartlands Park, Buckingham – Tree planting	SP702339
18	Bernwood Meadows, Horton-Cum-Studley – Blackthorn coppicing	SP608112
25	Bywater Meadow, Singleborough – Hazel planting and hedge laying	SP754318

February

01	Horses Helping People, Mentmore – Hedge planting	SP915209
08	Gallows Bridge Farm, Grendon Underwood – Blackthorn clearance	SP669200
15	Laurel Farm, Singleborough – Hedge planting and laying	SP767321
22	Pilch Field, Great Horwood – Scrub clearance	SP748321
29	Ley Hill Common, Chesham – Hedge renovation	TBC

March

07	Home Farm, Waddesdon – Hedge planting	TBC
14	Holloway Spinney, Buckingham – Woodland management	SP704349
21	Buckingham Railway Walk – Glade management	SP689337
28	Akeley Wood – Hazel coppicing and dead hedging	SP688383

April

04	Aylesbury – Wild flower plug planting	TBC
11	Old Church, Stoke Mandeville – Wild flower planting & elder clearance	SP838094
18	Aylesbury – Wild flower plug planting	TBC
24	Waterloo Farm Barns pond, Ascott – Newt Survey (meet at site 2000)	SP891236
25	Visit to College Lake nature reserve, Tring	SP936140

Please call us the day before to check the venue details and that there is space on the minibus.

Front cover: from a painting by Geoff Clarke

Vale Countryside Volunteers

For people who care enough about the environment to do something about it.

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Come along and help us to preserve and improve the countryside in the Vale.

What We Do

VCV is a working party set up to care for and protect the wildlife and countryside of Aylesbury Vale.

We carry out practical conservation work and related activities using traditional crafts and skills in a varied programme of habitat restoration and creation.

This helps a wide range of endangered species such as the black poplar, barn owl and otter. Examples of activities we carry out are hedge and tree planting, wildlife style hedge laying, scrub clearance, wildflower planting, pond restoration and otter holt construction.

What can the group offer?

Opportunities to:

- Learn new skills
- Widen your knowledge of the environment and nature
- Meet new people

We provide:

- Experienced leaders
- Training
- Safety gear
- Insurance
- Tea, coffee and biscuits!
- Transport to and from the site*

Who can volunteer?

The work is of a physical nature but you do not have to be super fit to join in. No experience is required – just enthusiasm and a willingness to have a go.

We meet most Wednesdays at 9.30am and return by 4.30pm.

Please wear suitable clothing, strong footwear and bring a packed lunch.

The group has a modern 12-seater minibus that makes travel to sites a pleasure!

*Pick up is at Haydon Mill and Duck Farm Court (near Morrisons) in Aylesbury. As spaces on the minibus are limited please call to check availability.

If you wish to come under your own steam please ring to confirm that the task is still going ahead.

Contact VCV

If you are interested, or would like to find out more about VCV, then don't hesitate to contact us by phone, email or post.

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