

Sutton Nature Conservation Volunteers Task Programme July 2014 to October 2014

To book on events, use the online portal: <http://37.188.117.158/suttonecology/> or for directions to events, click the location links or drop us an email: sncvvolunteers@hotmail.co.uk

Call 020 8770 5821 or email sncvvolunteers@hotmail.co.uk for additional information on our work

July



Gatekeeper butterfly

Sunday 20st **Sutton Ecology Centre**
Volunteer at SEC carrying out practical work in the grounds. Call Mark on 0779 080 3952

Tuesday 22nd **Roundshaw Downs**
Vegetation control / path cutting

Wednesday 23rd **Roundshaw Ramble**
4pm – 6pm. [Plough Lane noticeboard](#). A guided walk around Roundshaw Downs, looking at the flora, fauna and conservation work that goes into managing this chalk download site. *Cost: free. Suitable for: everyone. Booking: is not necessary.*

Thursday 24th **Carew Manor Wetlands**
Vegetation control on the island

Saturday 26th **Butterflies for Beginners**
10am-4pm. [Sutton Ecology Centre](#). One of the best studied animal groups in the UK, butterflies are iconic of spring and summer but their national declines are indicating worrying trends to our countryside and wildspaces. Join us for information on their identification, life histories and habitat requirements. *Cost: £10 per person. Suitable for: Adults 16+.* Booking is essential.

Sunday 27th **Wilderness Island**
Contact Derek Coleman on 020 8669 7421

Tuesday 29th **Victoria Avenue**
Fence repairs

Wednesday 30th **Bat Walk @ Mayflower Park**
8.45pm-10.45pm. [Top of the 'lookout'](#). Young bats should be making their first flights from the roosts where they were born and feeding up quickly to put on weight to become an adult. We'll use bat detectors to see what bats are out and about over the ponds and parkland. *Cost: £4 per person. Suitable for: everyone. Booking is recommended.*

Thursday 31st **Queen Mary's Woodland**
Vegetation control along the paths

Tuesday 1st **Roundshaw Downs**
Notice board installation

Wednesday 2nd **Bat Walk @ Oaks Park**
9.10pm-11.10pm. [Oaks Park cafe](#). Young bats should be making their first flights from the roosts where they were born and feeding up quickly to put on weight to become an adult. We'll use bat detectors to find out where bats are and what they are up to. *Cost: £4 per person. Suitable for: everyone.* Booking is recommended.

Thursday 3rd **Action Day**
Finishing off any outstanding work

Saturday 5th **Spencer Road Wetlands**
Call Norman Jones for details on 020 8286 1874

Tuesday 8th **Sutton Ecology Centre**
Phase 1 botanical survey

Thursday 10th **Wellfield South**
Fence repairs

Saturday 12th **Big Birthday Party!**
11am-4pm. [Sutton Ecology Centre](#). Sutton Ecology Centre is 25 years old! To celebrate, we'll be holding a garden party and a showing of A Midsummer Night's Dream, as well as a Bioblitz, including pond-dipping, mini-beast hunting and lots more! *Cost: Free entry! Suitable for: all ages. Booking: Not required, just drop in!*

Sunday 13th **Carew Manor Wetlands**
Call Ron Kriehn for details on 020 8395 7231

Tuesday 15th **Belmont Pastures**
Site maintenance & notice board installation

Thursday 17th **Sutton Common / SEC**
Pond / marginal plant planting

August

Tuesday 5th **Cuddington Meadows**
Ground elder control

Wednesday 6th **Bat Walk @ Roundshaw**
8.30pm-10.30pm. [Plough Lane noticeboard](#). Bats are busy feeding up, trying to put on as much body weight as possible to enter hibernation when the weather turns cold at the end of summer. Join us for a short walk and talk about how bats live. Bat detectors will be provided. *Cost: £4 per person. Suitable for: everyone. Booking is recommended.*

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October

Thursday 2nd **Victoria Avenue**
Vegetation control

Saturday 4th **Spencer Road Wetlands**
Call Norman Jones for details on 020 8286 1874

Tuesday 7th **Wellfield Plantation grassland**
Meadow cutting

Thursday 9th **Carew Manor Wetland**
Meadow cutting

Sunday 12th **Carew Manor Wetlands**
Call Ron Kriehn for details on 020 8395 7231

Tuesday 14th **Kimpton Balancing Pond**
Meadow cutting

Thursday 16th **Queen Mary's Woodland**
Vegetation control

Task programmes & newsletters here:

www.sncv.org.uk

Sutton Biodiversity Events for 2013:

<http://suttonnature.wordpress.com/events/>

Task Details

Midweek tasks run from **10:00** to **16:00**. If you require a lift, please meet at the Ecology Centre at **09:40** in order to help load tools and equipment into the minibus. You are also welcome to join us on site but you **need to inform us before you set off**, as sometimes circumstances lead to changes in the advertised programme. Call 020 8770 5821/4203 or 0773 633 8366 (Dave) / 0787 251 0122 (Mark) to find out what we are up to.

Volunteering

There are volunteering opportunities on days of the week other than those listed in the above, such as completion of building projects, surveys, promotion (flyers, website, newsletters, posters), tools maintenance, projects with schools and other community groups. Please feel free to talk to Dave or Mark to find out about other volunteering opportunities.

Sunday 18th **Sutton Ecology Centre**
Volunteer at SEC carrying out practical work in the grounds. Call Mark on 0779 080 3952

Tuesday 21st **Wellfield South**
Meadow cutting

Thursday 23rd **Sutton Common**
Meadow enhancement

Sunday 26th **Wilderness Island**
Contact Derek Coleman on 020 8669 7421

Tuesday 28th **Avenue Primary School**
Meadow cut

Thursday 30th **Roundshaw Downs**
Vegetation control on the bund

Weekend Tasks

Spencer Road Wetland

Tasks take place on the first Saturday of the month from 11:00 to 1:30. Meet by the reserve entrance gate on Spencer Road, Mitcham Junction. Task leader is Norman Jones - 020 8286 1874 / email: norman.jones@blueyonder.co.uk

Carew Manor Wetland

Tasks take place on the second Sunday of the month. Meet at 10:15 in the second car park behind the cottages in Beddington Park, near the Wildlife Hospital (end of Church Road). Task leader is Ron Kriehn - 020 8395 7231/ email: ronkriehn@hotmail.co.uk

Sutton Ecology Centre

Takes place on the 3rd Sunday of the month from 10:00 - 14:00. Meet outside Sutton Ecology Centre, Festival Walk. Contact Mark Featherstone on: 07790803952 / email: mark.featherstone@sutton.gov.uk or wordor@hotmail.co.uk

Wilderness Island

Tasks take place on the last Sunday of the month 10:30 to 1:00. Meet by the reserve entrance (at the junction of Mill Lane and Strawberry Lane). Contact Derek Coleman on 020 8669 7421/ email: derek.coleman@hotmail.com