

# Sutton Nature Conservation Volunteers Task Programme

## July 2016 to October 2016

To book on events, use the online portal: <http://37.188.117.158/suttonecology/> or for directions to events, look on the website <http://suttonnature.wordpress.com/events/> or e-mail: [biodiversity@sutton.gov.uk](mailto:biodiversity@sutton.gov.uk) (Mon to Fri)

Call 020 8770 5821 or email [sncvvolunteers@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sncvvolunteers@hotmail.co.uk) for additional information about SNCV work

Don't forget tasks are held at Sutton Ecology Centre on **Wednesdays - 10 - 4pm!**

### Task programmes & newsletters here

<https://suttonnature.wordpress.com/task-programme/>

### Sutton Biodiversity Events for 2016

<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.

**If you haven't been out before or want to rejoin us please give Mark or Dave a call**

## Volunteering

There are volunteering opportunities on days of the week other than those listed in the programme, such as completion of building projects, surveys, promotion (flyers, website, newsletters and 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.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:ronkriehn@hotmail.co.uk)

### Sutton Ecology Centre

Takes place every Wednesday from 10:45 until 16:00 (except the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month) and on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month from 10:00 - 14:00.

Meet outside The Old Rectory, Sutton Ecology Centre, Festival Walk. Contact Mark Featherstone on: 07872 510 122 email: [mark.featherstone@sutton.gov.uk](mailto:mark.featherstone@sutton.gov.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.co.uk](mailto:derek.coleman@hotmail.co.uk)

## Stay in touch !



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**July**



**Large Skipper**

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> Butterflies Study Day**

**Roundshaw Downs 10am-4pm.** 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 wild spaces. Join Sutton Biodiversity Team for information on their identification, life histories and habitat requirements. Morning session at **Stonecourt**, Carshalton.

Cost: £18 per person. Suitable for: Adults 16+. Booking is essential.

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> Spencer Road Wetlands**

Call Norman Jones for details on 020 8286 1874

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Roundshaw Downs**

Mowing plug plant area in north paddock

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Beddington Park / Belmont Pastures**

Botanical surveys (Phase 1 & G06)

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> Wildflowers Study Day**

**10am-4pm.** [Stonecourt](#) for classroom session / Cuddington Meadows for outdoor session. A structured classroom session at Stonecourt on common wildflower groups, their ecology and conservation and then a field trip to practice ID skills.

Cost: £18 per person. Suitable for: Adults 16+. Booking: Essential!

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> Summer Fair**

Come to **Sutton Ecology Centre 11am to 4pm** and enjoy activities hosted by Friends of Sutton Ecology Centre plus Nature Discovery Backpacks and the SNCV stall. Booking is not required, just turn up and explore! Suitable for everyone.

Cost: FREE. £10 returnable deposit for backpack hire.

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Carew Manor Wetlands**

Call Ron Kriehn for details on 020 8395 7231

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Riverfly Survey**

Call Mark for details on 07872 510 122

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Wellfield East & West**  
Botanical surveys (Phase 1, CGRA & G04)

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Sutton Ecology Centre**  
Working around the grounds or out and about

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Sutton Ecology Centre**  
Botanical survey (Phase 1)

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Sutton Ecology Centre**  
Volunteer at SEC carrying out practical work in the grounds. Call Mark on 07872 510 122

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Roundshaw Downs**  
Ragwort control

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Sutton Ecology Centre**  
Working around the grounds or out and about

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Queen Mary's Woodland**  
Woodland work

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> The Warren / DANA**  
Botanical surveys (Phase 1, CGRA & G04)

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> Sutton Ecology Centre**  
Working around the grounds or out and about

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Sutton Common**  
Botanical surveys (Phase 1 & G06)

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> Wilderness Island**  
Contact Derek Coleman on 020 8669 7421

**August**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> Barefoot Trail at Sutton Ecology Centre**

**11am-2pm.** Going barefoot is great fun, and it's thought to stimulate your heart and boost your immune system! Follow our trail and feel squelchy mud, tickly grass and lots more with your toes! Learn about animal footprints on the way. Finish off with some foot print painting! Come prepared for messy feet! Cost: £4 per child, Suitable for families with children 2yrs+. Drop in, no booking required.

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Roundshaw Downs**  
Mowing plug plant area in north paddock

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> SNCV Open Meeting**  
Stonecourt Classroom 19:30

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> Oaks Park**  
Botanical surveys (Phase 1, CGRA & G04)

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**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>**

### **Dragonflies & Damselflies Study Day**

10am-4pm [Stonecourt](#) for morning classroom session, field trip for afternoon session. Flying jewels of the sky, the vibrant and active nature of dragonflies and damselflies will be explored, with identification of key species, habitat requirements and conservation covered by the course. Classroom session at Stonecourt in the morning, then field trip.

Cost: £18 per person. Suitable for: Adults 16+. Booking: Essential!

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>**

### **Spencer Road Wetlands**

Call Norman Jones for details on 020 8286 1874

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup>**

### **Riverfly Survey**

Call Mark for details on 07872 510 122

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup>**

### **Teddy Bear's Picnic at Sutton Ecology Centre**

Bring your Teddy along for some party games, find out if they can survive in the wild and go on a bear hunt! You are most welcome to bring your own picnic and stay afterwards for a Teddy Bear's Picnic. This activity is led by Sutton's experienced Education Officer in partnership with Sutton Libraries.

Cost: £5 per child 3yrs + Booking essential. Siblings Welcome

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>**

### **Kimpton Balancing Pond**

Botanical surveys (Phase 1 & G06)

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>**

### **Sutton Ecology Centre**

Working around the grounds or out and about

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>**

### **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: £5 per person. Suitable for: all. Booking: Essential!

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>**

### **Land north of Goat Road**

Botanical survey (Phase 1 & G06)

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>**

### **Carew Manor Wetlands**

Call Ron Kriehn for details on 020 8395 7231

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup>**

### **Flower Fairies Adventure**

11am-2pm. [Sutton Ecology Centre](#). Find the flower fairies with their flowers, plants and trees at Sutton Ecology Centre. Fairy stories, make houses for the fairies in the fairy circle and make your own flower fairy or elf to take home. In partnership with Sutton Libraries.

Cost: £4 per child, Suitable for families with children 3yrs+. Drop in, no booking required.

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>**

Site maintenance

**Roundshaw Woods**

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>**

Working around the grounds or out and about

**Sutton Ecology Centre**

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>**

Site maintenance

**Carshalton Road Pastures**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>**

Volunteer at SEC carrying out practical work in the grounds. Call Mark on 07872 510 122

**Sutton Ecology Centre**

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

11am-2pm. [Sutton Ecology Centre](#). Hunt for minibeasts, discover who lives in our ponds, meet the stick insects and finish off with some refreshments and cake provided by our Friends of Sutton Ecology Centre!

Cost: £4 per child, Suitable for families with children 3yrs+. Drop in, no booking required.

**Minibeast Mania**

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Meadow work near Overhill Drive

**Roundshaw Downs**

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>**

Working around the grounds or out and about

**Sutton Ecology Centre**

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>**

Meadow work

**Anton Crescent Wetland**

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>**

8.10pm-10pm. [Car park by Riverside Animal Hospital](#). 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: £5 per person. Suitable for: all. Booking: Essential!

**Bat Walk @ Beddington Park**

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>**

Contact Derek Coleman on 020 8669 7421

**Wilderness Island**

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup>**

Meadow work

**Wellfield North**

## September

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>**

Vegetation clearance

**Queen Mary's Woodland**

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Call Norman Jones for details on 020 8286 1874

**Spencer Road Wetlands**

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>**

Vegetation clearance

**Queen Mary's Woodland**

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>**

Meadow work

**The Warren**

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**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>** **Carew Manor Wetlands**  
Call Ron Kriehn for details on 020 8395 7231

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup>** **Riverfly Survey**  
Call Mark for details on 07872 510 122

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>** **Wellfield South**  
Botanical surveys (Phase 1, CGRA & G04)

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>** **Sutton Ecology Centre**  
Working around the grounds or out and about

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>** **Carew Manor Wetlands**  
Meadow work

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>** **Sutton Ecology Centre**  
Volunteer at SEC carrying out practical work in the grounds. Call Mark on 07872 510 122

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>** **Queen Mary's Woodland**  
Pond creation

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>** **Sutton Ecology Centre**  
Working around the grounds or out and about

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>** **Queen Mary's Woodland**  
Pond creation

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>** **Trees Study Day**  
10am-4pm. [Stonecourt](#) for classroom session / local parks for outdoor session. Discover our native trees as we investigate their ecology and learn how to recognise their key ID characteristics.  
Cost: £18. Suitable For: Adult 16+. Booking: Essential!

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>** **Queen Mary's Woodland**  
Community wildflower seeding day. Contact [alex.draper@sutton.gov.uk](mailto:alex.draper@sutton.gov.uk) for more details

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>** **Wilderness Island**  
Contact Derek Coleman on 020 8669 7421

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>** **Action Day**  
Finishing off any outstanding work

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>** **Sutton Ecology Centre**  
Working around the grounds or out and about

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>** **Sutton Common**  
Meadow work

**October**

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup>** **Spencer Road Wetlands**  
Call Norman Jones for details on 020 8286 1874

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>** **Queen Mary's Woodland**  
Community wildflower turfing day. Contact [alex.draper@sutton.gov.uk](mailto:alex.draper@sutton.gov.uk) for more details

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>** **Queen Mary's Woodland**  
Vegetation clearance

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>** **Queen Mary's Woodland**  
Vegetation clearance

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>** **Carew Manor Wetlands**  
Call Ron Kriehn for details on 020 8395 7231

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup>** **Riverfly Survey**  
Call Mark for details on 07872 510 122

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>** **Therapia Lane Rough**  
Botanical survey (phase 1) & site maintenance

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>** **Sutton Ecology Centre**  
Working around the grounds or out and about

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>** **Kimpton Balancing Pond**  
Meadow work

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>** **Sutton Ecology Centre**  
Volunteer at SEC carrying out practical work in the grounds. Call Mark on 07872 510 122

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>** **Wandle Edge / Cuddington Rec**  
Meadow work / site maintenance

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>** **Sutton Ecology Centre**  
Working around the grounds or out and about

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>** **Roundshaw Downs**  
Blackthorn scalloping

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>** **Roundshaw Downs**  
Blackthorn scalloping

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>** **Sutton Ecology Centre**  
Working around the grounds or out and about

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>** **Avenue Primary School**  
Site maintenance

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>** **Wilderness Island**  
Contact Derek Coleman on 020 8669 7421