

# Volunteer Task Programme

## November 2016 to February 2017

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 our work

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

### Task programmes, news and other SNCV information

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

### Sutton Biodiversity Team Events for 2015 / 16

<http://tinyurl.com/pgr5rvu>

## 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 Mark on 0787 251 0122 / 020 8770 5821, or, Dave on 020 8770 4203 / 0773 633 8366 if you need anything

**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 contact the SNCV Team or 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.

Contact Mark Featherstone to find out what we will be doing and where to meet. Phone 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.com](mailto:derek.coleman@hotmail.com)

## Stay in touch!



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**November**



Pond clearance @ Sutton Ecology Centre

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>**                      **Therapia Lane Rough**  
Grass cutting and scrub control

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>**                      **SNCV AGM**  
From 19:30 at Stonecourt, Carshalton

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>**                      **Wandle Edge – Victoria Ave**  
Pond clearance and vegetation control

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>**                      **Spencer Road Wetland**  
Call Norman Jones for details on 020 8286 1874

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>**                      **Belmont Pastures**  
Bramble bashing and vegetation Control

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>**                      **Sutton Ecology Centre**  
Working around the grounds or out and about

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>**                      **Queen Mary's Woodland**  
Felling and vegetation control

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>**                      **Queen Mary's Woodland**  
Community Woodland Day 10:30am – 2pm

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

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup>**                      **Riverfly Survey**  
Spend about 1½ Hrs helping monitor sections of the Wandle. Call Mark for details on 07872 510 122

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>**                      **CRP & Roundshaw Downs**  
Bramble Bashing and JKW Control

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>**                      **Sutton Ecology Centre**  
Working around the grounds or out and about

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>**                      **Carew Manor Wetland**  
Pond Clearance

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>**                      **Queen Mary's Woodland**  
Community Woodland Day 10:30am – 2pm

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>**                      **Sutton Ecology Centre**  
Carrying out practical work around the grounds or at other sites around the borough. Call Mark on 07872 510 122

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>**                      **Queen Mary's Woodland**  
Site Maintenance and vegetation control

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>**                      **Sutton Ecology Centre**  
Working around the grounds or out and about

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>**                      **Kimpton Balancing Pond**  
Pond Clearance and vegetation control

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>**                      **Conifers Training Day**  
**10am-4pm.** Stonecourt for classroom session / local parks for outdoor session. Discover the beauty of conifers and how to recognise their key ID characteristics from needles and cones. *Cost: £18. Suitable For: Adult 16+. Booking: Essential! To book online visit <http://37.188.117.158/suttonecology/>*

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>**                      **Wilderness Island**  
Contact Derek Coleman on 020 8669 7421

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup>**                      **Roundshaw Downs**  
Brown Hairstreak survey training with Butterfly Conservation followed by blackthorn scalloping

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>**                      **Sutton Ecology Centre**  
Working around the grounds or out and about

**December**

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>**                      **Roundshaw Downs**  
Blackthorn scalloping

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup>**                      **Queen Mary's Woodland**  
Community Woodland Day 10:30am – 2pm

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup>**                      **Spencer Road Wetlands**  
Call Norman Jones for details on 020 8286 1874

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup>**                      **Friends of Sutton Ecology Centre Christmas Fair**  
**1pm – 5pm** (In conjunction with Carshalton Frost Fair) The Friends of Sutton Ecology Centre will be holding their annual Christmas Fair, with hand-crafted gifts, hot drinks and a collection of delicious homemade soups & cakes. *Suitable for: everyone.*

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup>**                      **Winter Wonderland Trail**  
**1pm – 4pm** Explore the delights of the award winning Sutton Ecology Centre and follow the Winter Wonderland Trail. *Cost: £4 per child ages 3+ includes small gift. No booking required, just pop along.*

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>**                      **Sutton Ecology Centre**  
Pond Clearance

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**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>** **Caraway Place**  
Tree Felling, pond clearance and vegetation control

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>** **Winter Wreath Making**  
10am to 12noon and 1pm to 3pm Come and enjoy a relaxing time collecting materials to make your own all-natural winter wreath to take home. Your door will be the talk of the town! Includes a mince pie and hot drink. *Suitable for: adults only 16yrs+ Cost: £15 per adult. Booking essential.*

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

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>** **Queen Mary's Woodland**  
Community Woodland Day 10:30am – 2pm

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup>** **Riverfly Survey**  
Spend about 1½ Hrs helping monitor sections of the Wandle. Call Mark for details on 07872 510 122

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>** **Sutton Ecology Centre**  
Pond Clearance

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

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>** **Wandle Valley Wetland**  
Pond clearance, litter picking and vegetation control

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>** **Sutton Ecology Centre**  
Carrying out practical work around the grounds or at other sites around the borough. Call Mark on 07872 510 122

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>** **Mill Green !!! New Site !!!**  
Felling and vegetation control

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>** **SNCV Christmas Party!**  
Celebrate the end of the year with the annual festive sharing lunch and Dave's quiz! 12 – 4pm followed by a trip to a local hostelry to continue the celebrations.

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>** **Action Day**  
Dealing with outstanding work

### January

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>** **No Task Day currently planned**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>** **No Task Day currently planned**

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>** **Spencer Road Wetland**  
Call Norman Jones for details on 020 8286 1874

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>** **Carew Manor Wetlands**  
Call Ron Kriehn for details on 020 8395 7231

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup>** **Riverfly Survey**  
Spend about 1½ Hrs helping monitor sections of the Wandle. Call Mark for details on 07872 510 122

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>** **Ruffett & Bigwood**  
Coppicing and vegetation control

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>** **Sutton Ecology Centre**  
Working around the grounds or out and about

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>** **Ruffett & Bigwood**  
Coppicing and vegetation control

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>** **Winter Tree ID**  
11am-3pm. Grove Park, Stonecourt Annex Although broadleaved trees 'shut down' over the winter months, if you look carefully, you can see the signs of life for the new season! This workshop will look at the identification of common trees without leaves; focusing on the key features of buds, bark and twigs. Builds on previous 'Trees Training Day' course but no previous knowledge is necessary.  
Cost: £18. Suitable for adults, beginners – intermediates. *Booking essential!*

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>** **Sutton Ecology Centre**  
Volunteer at SEC carrying out practical work in the grounds. Call Mark on 07872 510 122

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>** **Anton Crescent Wetland**  
Hedge laying

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>** **Sutton Ecology Centre**  
Working around the grounds

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>** **Anton Crescent Wetland**  
Hedge laying

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>** **Roundshaw Woods**  
Tree thinning and holly and snowberry bashing

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>** **Sutton Ecology Centre**  
Working around the grounds or out and about

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>** **Roundshaw Woods**  
Tree thinning plus holly and snowberry bashing

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>** **Queen Mary's Woodland**  
Join us to participate in the UK's biggest celebration of birds, the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch 2017! We'll have a guided walk and discuss bird I.D., birdwatching, gardening for birds etc.  
Cost: free. *Suitable for: ages 8 years & upwards. No booking required but need to meet on time to join the walk!*

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>** **Wilderness Island**  
Contact Derek Coleman on 020 8669 7421

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup>** **Action Day**  
Dealing with outstanding work

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**February**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
Vegetation control

**The Spinney**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>**                      **Spencer Road Wetland**  
Call Norman Jones for details on 020 8286 1874

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>**  
Scrub control

**Cuddington Meadows**

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>**                      **Sutton Ecology Centre**  
Working around the grounds or out and about

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>**  
Felling and scrub control

**DANA**

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>**                      **Carew Manor Wetlands**  
Call Ron Kriehn for details on 020 8395 7231.

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup>**                      **Riverfly Survey**  
Spend about 1½ Hrs helping monitor sections of the  
Wandle. Call Mark for details on 07872 510 122

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>**  
Felling and scrub control

**The Warren**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>**                      **Sutton Ecology Centre**  
Working around the grounds or out and about

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>**                      **Wellfield Gardens**  
Scrub Control

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>**                      **Sutton Ecology Centre**  
Volunteer at SEC carrying out practical work in the  
grounds. Call Mark on 07872 510 122

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>**                      **Roundshaw Woods**  
Tree thinning plus holly and snowberry bashing

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>**                      **Sutton Ecology Centre**  
Working around the grounds or out and about

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>**                      **Carshalton Road Pastures**  
Scrub Control

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>**                      **Wilderness Island**  
Contact Derek Coleman on 020 8669 7421

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>**                      **Action Day**  
Dealing with outstanding work