

# Volunteer Task Programme November 2017 to February 2018

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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

<http://tinyurl.com/pgr5rvu>

## Task Details

Midweek tasks run from **10:00** to **16:00**.

If you require a lift, please meet at Sutton Ecology Centre at **09:45** 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 07872 510 122 / 020 8770 5821, or, Dave on 020 8770 4203 / 07736 338 366 if you need anything

**If you haven't been out before or want to get involved again 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 SNCV, the Biodiversity 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 13:30. 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)

### Sutton Ecology Centre

Takes place every Wednesday from 9:45 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 13:00. 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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Facebook: [Sutton Nature Conservation Volunteers](https://www.facebook.com/SuttonNatureConservationVolunteers)

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Website: [www.sncv.org.uk](http://www.sncv.org.uk)

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## November



Copping at Ruffett and Bigwood

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>** **Queen Mary's Woodland**  
Woodland work including preparation of bench bases

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

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>** **Therapia Lane Rough**  
Meadow cutting and scrub control

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>** **Sutton Ecology Centre**  
Working around the grounds

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>** **SNCV Annual General Meeting**  
From 19:30 at Stone Court, North Street

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>** **Wellfield South**  
Scarifying meadow and seeding

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

**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>** **Roundshaw Woods**  
Copping and other felling and thinning works

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

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>** **Queen Mary's Woodland**  
Woodland works including hedge creation and tree clearance

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>** **Queen Mary's Woodland**  
Community Woodland Day 10:30am – 2pm

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>** **Sutton Ecology Centre**  
Carrying out practical work around the grounds or at other sites around the borough. 10:00am – 2pm.  
Call Mark on 07872 510 122

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>** **Anton Crescent Wetland**  
Hedge laying, scrub control and planting

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

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>** **Anton Crescent Wetland**  
Hedge laying, scrub control and planting

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>** **Conifers Study Day**  
**Sutton Ecology Centre 10am to 4pm**

Discover the beauty of conifers and how to recognise their key ID characteristics from needles and cones. Stonecourt for classroom session, local parks for outdoor session. *Cost: £20. Suitable For: Adult 16+.* *Online Booking: Essential!*

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

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>** **Queen Mary's Woodland**  
Woodland works including hedge creation and tree clearance

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>** **Sutton Ecology Centre**  
Working around the grounds or out and about

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>** **Caraway Place**  
Scrub Control and Pond Clearance

## December

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>** **Sutton Ecology Centre**  
**Winter Wonderland Trail – 1pm to 4pm**

Someone's stolen Santa's sack ...how are we going to get it back? Follow the animal clues and explore the delights of Sutton Ecology Centre to find Santa's missing sack of toys.  
*Cost: £4 per child, includes small gift per child. Drop in, no booking required.* Suitable for families with young children

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>** **Sutton Ecology Centre**  
**Woodland Storytelling – 2pm to 2:20pm and again at 3pm to 3:20pm**

Come and hear the colourful tale of the Little Wolf and the Old Crocodile, in our special storytelling tent, with fairy lights, music and puppets. Performance is approx 20 minutes. Ticket price includes entrance to the Sutton Ecology Centre Winter Wonderland Trail.  
*Cost: £7 per child. Online Booking essential, spaces limited to 20 children per session. Suitable for children 3yrs+*

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**Saturday 2nd** **Sutton Ecology Centre**  
**The Friends of Sutton Ecology Centre Christmas Fair. 1pm to 5 pm**, with hand-crafted gifts, hot drinks and a collection of delicious homemade soups & cakes. Suitable for all.

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>** **Spencer Road Wetland**  
Call Norman Jones for details on 020 8286 1874

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

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>** **Carew Manor Wetland**  
Pond clearance

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>** **Kimpton Balancing Pond**  
Pond clearance

**Saturday 9th** **Sutton Ecology Centre**  
**Winter Wreath Making. 10am to noon & 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. *Cost: £15 Suitable for adults 16+. Online Booking: essential.*

**Saturday 9th** **Sutton Ecology Centre**  
**Wildlings Family Fun Winter Willow Crafts. 1pm to 3pm.** Come along to learn how to make some simple seasonal crafts from willow. There will also be plenty of opportunity for free play and exploration in the beautiful woods at Sutton Ecology Centre. Campfire hot chocolate will be served to keep warm ! *Cost: £9 per child. Suitable for: Ages 5+. Children to be accompanied by an adult. Younger siblings are welcome to come along for general play in the woods but will not be able to join in with the main activity. Booking essential through: [wildlingsforestscool@gmail.com](mailto:wildlingsforestscool@gmail.com)*

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup>** **Riverfly Survey**  
Spend about 1½ Hrs helping monitor sections of the Wandle. Call Mark for details on 07872 510 122

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>** **Sutton Ecology Centre**  
Pond clearance

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

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>** **Sutton Ecology Centre**  
Pond clearance and creation

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>** **Sutton Ecology Centre**  
Carrying out practical work around the grounds or at other sites around the borough. 10:00am – 2pm.

Call Mark on 07872 510 122

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>** **Wandle Valley Wetland**  
Pond clearance and vegetation control

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>** **SNCV Christmas Party!**  
Celebrate the end of the year with the annual festive sharing lunch and Dave's quiz! 12 to 4pm

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>** **Queen Mary's Woodland**  
Woodland works including hedge creation and tree clearance

**January**

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>** **Spencer Road Wetland**  
Call Norman Jones for details on 020 8286 1874

**Monday 8th** **Riverfly Survey**  
Spend about 1½ Hrs helping monitor sections of the Wandle. Call Mark for details on 07872 510 122

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>** **Ruffett & Bigwood**  
Coppicing

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>** **Sutton Ecology Centre**  
Working around the grounds or out and about

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>** **Ruffett & Bigwood**  
Coppicing

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>** **Queen Mary's Woodland**  
Woodland works including tree planting

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>** **Sutton Ecology Centre**  
Working around the grounds or out and about

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>** **Queen Mary's Woodland**  
Woodland works including tree planting

**Sunday 21st** **Sutton Ecology Centre**  
Carrying out practical work around the grounds or at other sites around the borough. 10:00am – 2pm.  
Call Mark on 07872 510 122

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>** **Caraway Place**  
Scrub Control and Pond Clearance

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>** **Sutton Ecology Centre**  
Working around the grounds or out and about

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>** **Roundshaw Woods**  
Tree thinning plus holly and snowberry bashing

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>** **Wilderness Island**  
Contact Derek Coleman on 020 8669 7421

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

**Carshalton Road Pastures**

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>**

Working around the grounds or out and about

**Sutton Ecology Centre**

**February**

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

Glade creation works and gate installation

**Queen Mary's Woodland**

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>**

Blackthorn scalloping

**Roundshaw Downs**

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

Call Norman Jones for details on 020 8286 1874

**Spencer Road Wetland**

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>**

Carrying out practical work around the grounds or at other sites around the borough. 10:00am – 2pm.  
Call Mark on 07872 510 122

**Sutton Ecology Centre**

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

Felling and scrub control

**The Warren**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>**

Scrub control including around pond enclosure

**Cuddington Meadows**

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>**

Working around the grounds or out and about

**Sutton Ecology Centre**

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>**

Working around the grounds or out and about

**Sutton Ecology Centre**

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

Glade creation works and gate installation

**Queen Mary's Woodland**

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Coppicing and thinning

**Mill Green**

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup>**

Spend about 1½ Hrs helping monitor sections of the Wandle. Call Mark for details on 07872 510 122

**Riverfly Survey**

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>**

Contact Derek Coleman on 020 8669 7421

**Wilderness Island**

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>**

Blackthorn scalloping

**Roundshaw Downs**

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>**

Dealing with outstanding work

**Action Day**

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>**

Working around the grounds or out and about

**Sutton Ecology Centre**