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## Norfolk Environmental Action Team Conservation Volunteering Programme November

FAO Yare Valley Society

Here is our November programme for conservation volunteering activities, and it's an exciting one! Of course, they are all exciting in their way, but this month sees us go to FOUR brand new sites! We are creating a new wildflower meadow near the village hall in Upton, building a "dead hedge" (fence from natural materials) in Wymondham, rejuvenating a woodland in Sprowston, and starting work on a new area in Rouen Road in the centre of Norwich. Creating new wildflower meadows is a bit of a theme this month, as we are also planting seeds and bulbs at Horsford, Earlham Cemetery and in Wensum Park.

A number of students have been asking me about our **Volunteer Officer** programme (internships). If anyone is able to spend a few months with us (could be full or part-time, we are very flexible) they can learn everything that they need to know to get a paid job in nature conservation. They could not only join the volunteer team but be trained to lead them, as well as taking on additional responsibilities...so as well as working on practical habitat management on site, they could choose the tools to load into our minibus, and also do some data entry /admin / publicity / volunteer recruitment / funding applications if they wish. We can provide them with training in task leadership, tool use, minibus driving, habitat management, and more: all that you would need to run a project. If you know anyone who might be interested in this, they should come along to some tasks to see what we do, and if they enjoy that, then talk to me about taking the next step towards a career working with wildlife.

A reminder that anyone can join us, at any point, even if it's just for one day.

Best wishes,

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*Join in Feel Good! A programme of Conservation Volunteering to improve local green spaces.*

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**FREE Minibus leaves at 10am** from the Corner of Queens Road & Brazen Gate, by the traffic lights next to the big Sainsbury's car park, near Norwich bus station [what3words: single.affair.robe]. If you would like to get a lift from near UEA, please ask. **Booking is NOT usually needed** - just turn up on the day, unless you want to be sure of a place on the minibus for days marked **BM** below (book via [mark.webster@tcv.org.uk](mailto:mark.webster@tcv.org.uk) / 07740 899 691). See last page of this document for more information about joining these activities, including details about who can attend (most people). Sessions run from arrival on site (depends on traffic and travel distance) to 3.15pm on site, returning to central Norwich by 4.15pm.

**Mobile number to contact us on the day: 07740 899 691.**

Date		Site		Activity	Site Meeting Point (if coming by car or bike) at 10.15am unless otherwise stated
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup>		<b>Earlham Cemetery</b>		Shake (Yellow) Rattle and Roll! Preparing the ground and planting wildflower seeds.	Meet within the cemetery, on the access road from Earlham Road to the chapel, NR2 3RG. [ what3words: harp.sank.lucky ]
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup>		<b>Tuckswold Centre</b>		Tuck into this – meadow management.	Tuckswold Centre (off Maid Marian Road), Norwich, NR4 6DA. [ what3words: cups.senior.giant ]
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>		<b>Ketts Cave</b>		Trees are good, trees are good... tree planting and cutting back bramble.	Allotment gates, by Ketts Cave park sign and play area, corner of Balfour Street (near Old Allotment Court), Norwich, NR3 1NH. [ what3words: merit.animal.puzzle ]
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>		<b>East Ruston Poors Land</b>		Nature grows the seed, we sow the seed...collecting heather seeds to recolonise cleared areas	Car park at Butchers Arms, at junction of Oak Lane with School Road, East Ruston, NR12 9JQ (OS grid ref: TG 345 282). [what3words: inflates.square.victory] <b>Arriving approx 10.45am.</b>

Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Horsford</b>		You can lead a Hors to water, but can you then clear the excess vegetation from the streamides?	Horseback Way (by the junction with Beckside), Horsford, NR10 3SG (OS grid ref: TG 189 159). [ what3words: spellings.thirsty.meaty ] <b>Arriving approx 10.25am.</b>
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Alpington Meadow</b>		I get up when I want, except on Wednesdays, when I get rudely awakened by...Pondlife!	Burgate Lane, Alpington. Please contact Mark (see below) for exact site location details.
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Longham Claypits</b> 		Paths and Ponds – clearing excess vegetation from this lovely and varied site.	Longham Village Hall car park, Chapel Road, Longham, NR19 2AJ. (OS Grid Ref TF 942 160) [ what3words: chapels.litigate.send ] <b>Arriving at approx 10.40am.</b>
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Lakenham Way (North)</b>		All in all you're just another brick in the wall – which needs to be inspected to keep this path safe.	Far end of Brazen Gate, central Norwich, NR1 3SB – just down the road from our usual meeting point! [ what3words: hotels.duck.quest ] W.C.
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Upton Meadow</b>			Are you in love with an Upton Girl? Say it with flowers, by creating a new wildflower meadow from scratch.	Village Hall car park, Cargate Lane, Upton, NR13 6AU. [ what3words: flush.factories.songbirds ] (OS grid ref TG 394 125) <b>Arriving at approx 10.30am.</b> W.C.
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Sprowston Millenium Wood</b>			Save the Millennials! This (fairly) new woodland is coming of age, so we will be coppicing willow etc to maintain diversity.	Woodland entrance, near Cemetery Gates, Church Lane, NR7 8AU. [ what3words: scores.during.gold ] (OS grid ref: TG 249 126) <b>Arriving at approx 10.20am.</b>
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Horsford</b>			You can lead a Hors to water, but can you then plant wetland edge wildflower seeds and bulbs?	Horseback Way (by the junction with Beckside), Horsford, NR10 3SG (OS grid ref: TG 189 159). [ what3words: spellings.thirsty.meaty ] <b>Arriving approx 10.25am.</b>
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Queen's Hills Community Park</b>			Welcome to the United Queendom! We all stand together to improve biodiversity by linking up areas of open heathland.	Near small waterworks on Alfred Munnings Road, between the Longwater Shopping Centre and Queen's Hills housing estate, Costessey, Norwich: nearest postcode NR8 5EY, [ what3words: lows.science.remarking ] <b>Arriving approx 10.25am.</b>

Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Carrowbreck Meadow</b>		Carry On Carrowbrecking – continuing to cut the new meadow areas to maintain wildflower habitats.	Meadow behind Carrowbreck House, Carrowbreck Road, Hellesdon, Norwich, NR6 5FA. [ what3words: scar.dash.defend ] <b>Arriving at approx 10.20am</b>
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Queen’s Hills Community Park</b>		Sloping off – working on the slopes to cut back inappropriately planted trees and create sunny south-facing sandy banks where rare bees can make their burrows.	Car park by small waterworks on Alfred Munnings Road, between the Longwater Shopping Centre and Queen's Hills housing estate, Costessey, Norwich: nearest postcode NR8 5EY. [ what3words: lows.science.remarking ] <b>Meet at 10am on site, sorry no minibus from central Norwich today.</b>
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Earlham Cemetery</b>		On account of all the (Yellow) Rattleshakes. Preparing the ground and then shaking out wildflower seeds to grow amongst the grass.	Meet within the cemetery, on the access road from Earlham Road to the chapel, NR2 3RG. [ what3words: harp.sank.lucky ]
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Wymondham Friarscroft Woods <a href="#">BM</a></b>		The Wymondham in the Willows. Working at a brand new site, creating a new ‘dead hedge’	Service road to Windmill Surgery, off London Road, Wymondham, NR18 0AF. [ what3words: gone.daffodils.rocker ] (OS grid ref: TG 110 012) <b>Arriving at approx 10.25am</b>
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Mousehold Heath</b>		I get up when I want, except on Wednesdays, when I get rudely awakened by the Brushcutter – Grasslife! Meadow management.	Car park in front of Zak's Mousehold Diner halfway up Gurney Road opposite the bandstand, Norwich, NR1 4HW. [ what3words: sobs.deeply.charm ]
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Rouen Road</b>		See life from a different Triangle. Moving up the road from our previous new wildflower patch, onto bigger and better things!	Rouen Road at junction with Argyle Street, central Norwich, NR1 1QS. [ what3words: union.builds.detail ]
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Wensum Park</b>		Woodchips with everything. Spreading woodchips on the path, plus tree aftercare.	Wensum Park north-west entrance, A1067 Draytron Road, Norwich, NR3 2DG. [ what3words: budget.sticky.walks ]
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Wensum Park</b>		Woodchip on your shoulder? How did that get there, they are supposed	Wensum Park north-west entrance, A1067 Draytron Road, Norwich, NR3 2DG. [ what3words: budget.sticky.walks ]

			to be on the path. Also mowing the meadow.	
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Wymondham Friarscroft Woods</b> <b>BM</b>		The only good hedge is a dead hedge? Surely not, but here it will provide a path edge and great habitat for minibeasts.	Service road to Windmill Surgery, off London Road, Wymondham, NR18 0AF. [ what3words: gone.daffodils.rocker ] (OS grid ref: TG 110 012) <b>Arriving at approx 10.25am</b>
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Oulton Broad</b>		If you go down to the woods today, you will see whether the tree safety work has been carried out. If so, we can improve the woodland path.	Near the turning for Nursery Drive on Monckton Avenue (off Normanstone Drive near roundabout with Peto Way), Oulton Broad, NR32 3EG. [ what3words: brains.media.nasal ] <b>Arriving at approx 10.55am.</b>
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Mousehold Heath</b>		You can't keep a Gilman down – well you can by brushcutting the meadow at either Gilman Road or one of the other grassy areas dotted around Mousehold.	Car park in front of Zak's Mousehold Diner halfway up Gurney Road opposite the bandstand, Norwich, NR1 4HW. [ what3words: sobs.deeply.charm ]

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