

FAO Yare Valley Society

Well, what an exciting new programme we have for your clients this month! I probably always say that, but it's true, so many new sites this month...I am particularly excited to announce the long-awaited start of the Leaky Dams project in the Tas Valley, where we will be making and installing natural flood defences, using trees sourced from the immediate area to create barriers to slow down floodwaters in a measured way. There's also more chances to learn the ancient craft of hedgelaying at Easton College, restoring a historic pond to how it was in the 1930s (we have the photographic proof of that!) and plenty of hedge and fruit tree planting - including a new community orchard in Cringleford, and new and old sites to see across Broadland. Plus there's another chance to see the epic Blickling Hall estate.

A lot of chance to learn new skills, meet new people and tackle climate change – what more could people want?

Best wishes,

Mark.

A programme of Conservation Volunteering to improve local green spaces. Join in whenever suits you.

Norfolk Environmental Action Team February 2026



Join us whenever you can, we do not require any regular commitment to attend. FREE Minibus leaves at 10am from the Corner of Queens Road & Brazen Gate, by the traffic lights and glass canopy next to the big Sainsbury's near Norwich bus station [what3words: single.affair.robe]. If you would like a lift from near UEA, please ask. **Booking is NOT usually needed** - just turn up any day, but to be sure of a place on the minibus for days marked **BM** below, contact mark.webster@tcv.org.uk / 07740 899 691. See end of this document for more info, including details about who can attend (most people). Sessions run from arrival on site (depends on traffic and travel distance) to 3.00pm on site. If you do not need to get the minibus back, **you can leave whenever you need to** (just let the leader know). Minibus returns to central Norwich by 4.00pm. **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
Mon 2 nd	East Ruston Poors Land	I've got those Silver-Studded Blues. Don't be sad, be happy that this site has rare butterflies whose habitat we are saving.	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] Arriving approx 10.45am.
Tues 3 rd	Hargate (Tas Valley) NEW SITE	I need a Leak! Learn a brand new skill, how to build 'leaky dam' natural flood defences.	Bunwell Village Hall car park, The Turnpike, Norwich NR16 1SW. [what3words: houseboat.starfish.research] (OS Grid Ref : TM 127 927). Arriving approx 10.35am
Wed 4 th	Marlpit Woods	Marl Be Back. A return visit to finish off (Terminate?) our tree planting and path clearing, and possibly moving on...	Outside the Baseline Centre / Premier Shop / Kebab Shop, Knowland Grove, Marlpit Estate, Norwich, NR5 8YD. [what3words: strict.teeth.tower] WC in Future Projects' Baseline Centre nearby.
Thurs 5 th	Tibenham (Tas Valley) NEW SITE	Take A Leak At Me Now! Building more 'leaky dam' flood defences from natural materials.	Bunwell Village Hall car park, The Turnpike, Norwich NR16 1SW. [what3words: houseboat.starfish.research] (OS Grid Ref : TM 127 927). Arriving approx 10.45am
Fri 6 th	Easton College	Lay, Lady Lay that hedge. All welcome to learn the ancient craft of hedge-laying for farming and wildlife.	Model Farm, Broom Lane, off Marlingford Road, Easton, Norfolk, NR9 5DT. [what3words: casual.brain.megawatt] (OS grid ref: TG 130 102). Arriving at approx 10.25am. WC on site (in model farm buildings).
Mon 9 th	Easton College	Take Me to The Hedge Of Heaven! Making a beautifully laid hedge in the Lancs/Westmorland style (sort of).	Model Farm, Broom Lane, off Marlingford Road, Easton, Norfolk, NR9 5DT. [what3words: casual.brain.megawatt] (OS grid ref: TG 130 102). Arriving at approx 10.25am. WC on site (in model farm buildings).

Tues 10 th	Blickling Hall	The Aristocrats! Working to save trees heavily nibbled by deer in the shadow (well, a very long shadow) of one of England's grandest houses.	Outside 'welcome' barn, Blickling Hall NT car park, Blickling Road, near Aylsham, Norfolk NR11 6NJ. [what3words: sway.repayment.ladder] (OS grid ref: TG 176 285) Arriving at approx. 10.35am WC at meeting point.
Wed 11 th	Blofield Town Pit NEW SITE	It's The Pit's, Man! Restoring a very overgrown pond to its former glory by removing excess vegetation.	Tamarind Indian Restaurant car park, Woodbastwick Rd, Blofield, Norwich NR13 4AB. [what3words: crass.originals.pranced] (OS Grid Ref: TG 328 115). Arriving at approx. 10.25am
Thurs 12 th	Blofield Town Pit NEW SITE	Pitting our wits against the invasive plants. Recovering aquatic habitats at this lost pond.	Tamarind Indian Restaurant car park, Woodbastwick Rd, Blofield, Norwich NR13 4AB. [what3words: crass.originals.pranced] (OS Grid Ref: TG 328 115). Arriving at approx. 10.25am
Fri 13 th	Woodlands Park	If you go down to the Woodlands today...no surprise that we will be cutting back Holly.	Junction of Winchcomb and Wheatley Road (just off A1074 Dereham Road near Sweet Briar roundabout), Norwich, NR2 3UF. [what3words: swing.ledge.fled]
Mon 16 th	Tibenham (Tas Valley) NEW SITE	Don't Leak Back In Anger, instead look forward to discovering how to manage water levels naturally.	Bunwell Village Hall car park, The Turnpike, Norwich NR16 1SW. [what3words: houseboat.starfish.research] (OS Grid Ref : TM 127 927). Arriving approx 10.45am
Tues 17 th	Easton College	Hedgelaying, or hedge planting, which is best? Only one way to find out – do both!	Model Farm, Broom Lane, off Marlingford Road, Easton, Norfolk, NR9 5DT. [what3words: casual.brain.megawatt] (OS grid ref: TG 130 102). Arriving at approx 10.25am. WC on site (in model farm buildings).
Wed 18 th	Cringleford Cantley Lane	Can you give us a hand, old fruit? Many hands needed to make light work of planting heritage fruit trees.	Willow Centre car park, junction of Dragonfly Lane and Willowcraft Way, Cringleford, Norwich, NR4 7JJ. [what3words: glaze.again.edges] WC at Jubilee centre (5 mins walk)

Thurs 19 th	Reedham Woodland Walk	The story so far - and now, Reed on...Continuing the process of coppicing to enhance woodland habitats on this former railway line.	Reedham Village Hall car park, 5 Pottle's Ln, Reedham, Norwich NR13 3HL. [what3words: marathons.stove.landed] (OS grid ref: TG 415 024). Arriving approx 10.40am WC in Ship Inn (5 mins walk)
Fri 20 th	Cringleford Cantley Lane	Down the Apples and Pears? Stepping out to plant Norfolk heritage varieties of fruit trees.	Willow Centre car park, junction of Dragonfly Lane and Willowcraft Way, Cringleford, Norwich, NR4 7JJ. [what3words: glaze.again.edges] WC at Jubilee centre (5 mins walk)
Mon 23 rd	Lenwade Common Lane	Friends, Romans, Countrymen, Lenwade Me Your Ears...and I'll tell you how we can improve habitats here by hedge planting and cutting back sycamores.	Common Lane (off A1067 Fakenham Road), Lenwade, NR9 5QH. [what3words: selection.nozzles.piper] (OS Grid ref: TG 096 182) Arriving at approx 10.25am. WC at Bridge Inn (10 mins walk from site).
Tues 24 th	Dalbier Close, Thorpe.	Call for International Rescue? But there's no puppets here, so let us save the hedge and plant some new trees.	By turning circle at the far end of Dalbier Close, Thorpe St Andrew, Norwich, NR7 0RP. [what3words: dollar.closes.relay] WC at Sainsburys (15 mins walk)
Wed 25 th	Poringland Woods	The Rhododendron To Hell. Cutting and burning an invasive species to save the woodland wildlife from being overwhelmed.	Poringland Woods car park, B1332 Norwich Road (near Caistor Lane junction), Poringland / Framingham Earl, Norwich, NR14 7QP. (OS Grid Ref TG 261 035) [what3words: mount.inspected.transmit] WC at pub (5 mins walk) / community centre (via minibus at lunch).
Thurs 26 th	Attlebridge Station Rd NEW SITE	Attle Be The Day! Plenty of Buddys are called for to plant a hedgerow and woodland edge here (but no Holly trees).	On pavement outside 8-10 Station Road, Attlebridge, NR9 5AA. [what3words: enhanced.noun.recovery] (OS Grid Ref TG 129 172). Arriving approx 10.25am.
Fri 27 th	Dalbier Close, Thorpe.	Thunderbirds Are Gone – so we will have to rescue the remaining hedge here and plant up all the gaps.	By turning circle at the far end of Dalbier Close, Thorpe St Andrew, Norwich, NR7 0RP. [what3words: dollar.closes.relay] WC at Sainsburys (15 mins walk)

BOOKING There is usually enough space for everyone on the minibus if we are working in or near Norwich, but for some longer trips the minibus might get full, if you wish you can email or text Mark (details below) to be sure of a place on the bus – this is especially advised on days marked **BM** above. If you would find it helpful to ask us anything before coming on a project for the first time, please do contact us - see below. Otherwise, if you are over 18 and don't have any unspent convictions for serious crimes, you can just turn up and join in. **If you are 16 or 17** you will need a parent or guardian to sign our permission form before you can get started - please contact us if you need one. **If you have unspent convictions** for sexual or violent offences, you will not be able to volunteer with TCV (please contact us for a confidential chat if you need to check if this applies to you).

MEETING POINTS If you would like a map, or directions to the site, please contact us. FREE Minibus transport is available from outside stated pick-up points only, returning to the same place at the end of the session. We do our best to keep to time, but due to traffic etc, timings are approximate.

WE PROVIDE All tools and protective equipment are provided, please bring your own refreshments (drinks and a packed lunch) for the day, unless a task is marked **L** above, when lunch is provided from a nearby shop or takeaway. If a site has toilets available nearby this is indicated on the programme by '**WC**' in the 'Site Meeting Point' column (if this toilet is more than 5 minutes walk away we will go there by minibus at lunchtime).

PLEASE WEAR Old work clothes, suitable for the weather. If you have them, please bring reasonably sturdy shoes or boots, and rainwear. We provide work gloves and everything else necessary for the task. You are advised to check if your tetanus inoculation is up to date. **PT** means petrol-powered tools likely to be in use for at least some of the day: there is usually plenty of space so you can keep well away from them, but extra ear defenders are available for you if you want them. All other tasks are expected to be done with hand tools so should generally be quite quiet.

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