To Yare Valley Society

It's a chill wind  that blows nobody any good, or so they say (or something like that anyway) but whatever the weather it's great to be out in amongst nature: I heard kids' TV Doctors Xand and Chris van Tulleken saying so on Radio 4, so it must be true!  So get out and experience what they called a 'thermal challenge' this month (see What's Up Docs? - Doctors' Notes: Nature - BBC Sounds if you don't believe me)!

We certainly won't be cold when there's so many tasks to keep us active, with a big push on the alders at Flordon Common, one of the most important wetland sites in the UK, plus bonfires at another Site of Special Scientific Interest at East Ruston, and new tree planting schemes in Bluebell Woods (Eaton Park) and around Cringleford.  There's also a brand new site at Harleston, this is a really exciting new scheme to enhance a former field by improving what is already a biodiverse site with new trees, wildflower areas and much more.

So why not suggest that the people you are working with come and join the fun, as we do our bit for nature and people, all around the Fine City and beyond.

Best wishes,

Mark.

TCV The Conservation Volunteers

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

**Norfolk Environmental Action Team** November 2025

**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** |
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| Mon 3rd | **Longham Claypits** | Pit-ting our wits against the willow. Clearing back along the path and into the ponds at the charming site. | Longham Village Hall car park, Chapel Road, Longham, NR19 2RN. (OS Grid Ref TF 942 160) [what3words: chapels.litigate.send ] **Arriving at approx 10.40am**. **PT** |
| Tues 4th | **Flordon Common** | Alder People, So Many People…not hand in hand but we will work together to clear invasive alders. | Opposite gate marked "Harvey House", Norwich Road (north of Marsh Lane), Flordon, NR15 1RZ. (O.S. Grid Ref TM 181 974) [ what3words: sheep.apart.winter ] **Arriving approx 10.30am** |
| Wed 5th | **Poringland Woods** | Risk of Rhododendronal damage? Clearing invasive plants should only enhance our organisation's good name! | 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 6th | **Long Stratton Churchyard** | The Long (Stratton) and The Short of it…cutting the longer grass in the wildflower areas. | Churchyard entrance, Hall Lane (off Ipswich Road), Long Stratton, NR15 2RL. [ what3words address: chop.splints.quoted ] **Arriving approx 10.30am. Public WC on site in church or on Swan Lane (5 mins walk) PT** |

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| Fri<br>7th | **Bluebell Woods** | Ring, Ring the (Blue)Bells, Wake The Town – and tell them that we will be clearing back the brambles here. | Junction of Bluebell Road and North Park Avenue, Eaton Park, Norwich, nearest postcode NR4 7ED. [ what3words: best.curiosity.charm ] **WC within the park at café. PT** |

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| Mon<br>10th | **Eaton Burial Ground** | On Top Of The World, looking down on creation…finishing off the top parts of the hedges at this peaceful site. | Eaton Burial Ground Church Lane Eaton, NR4 6NY. The site is hard to spot, but there is a small sign above a low embankment wall.<br>[ what3words: driven.slower.apple ] **WC at Waitrose (5 mins walk)** |
| Tues<br>11th | **East Ruston Poors Land** | Slash and burn? Clearing gorse, perhaps with a bonfire. | 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.** |
| Wed<br>12th | **Flordon Common** | A race to the bottom? Getting right to the lower end of this site to remove invasive alders. | Opposite gate marked "Harvey House", Norwich Road (north of Marsh Lane), Flordon, NR15 1RZ. (O.S. Grid Ref TM 181 974)<br>[ what3words: sheep.apart.winter ] **Arriving approx 10.30am** |
| Thurs<br>13th | **East Ruston Poors Land** | The Bonfire Of The Invasive-trees. Clearing gorse and terminating it with extreme prejudice. | 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.** |
| Fri 14th | **Rouen Road** | Rouen Up That Hill. With no problems we hope, we will be tidying up the old wildflower areas. | Rouen Road at junction with Argyle Street, central Norwich, NR1 1QS. [ what3words: union.builds.detail ] **WC at café (5 mins walk). PT** |
| Mon<br>17th | **Queen's Hills Costessey** | When Winter Comes. No howling we trust, but the start of winter woodland habitat improvement work for this year. | By small waterworks on Alfred Munnings Road, between Longwater shops and Queen's Hills housing area, Costessey, Norwich: nearest postcode NR8 5EY. [ what3words: lows.science.remarking ] (OS grid reference TG 153 117) **Arriving ~ 10.25am. WC at Sainsburys (15 mins walk)** |

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| Tues 18th | **Flordon Common** | Ours was the marsh country…I have Great Expectations of how many invasive alders we will remove today | Opposite gate marked "Harvey House", Norwich Road (north of Marsh Lane), Flordon, NR15 1RZ. (O.S. Grid Ref TM 181 974)<br>[ what3words: sheep.apart.winter ] **Arriving approx 10.30am** |
| Wed 19th | **Queen's Hills Costessey** | If you go down to the woods today…no surprises, it will be winter woodland thinning again. | By small waterworks on Alfred Munnings Road, between Longwater shops and Queen's Hills housing area, Costessey, Norwich: nearest postcode NR8 5EY. [ what3words: lows.science.remarking ] (OS grid reference TG 153 117) **Arriving ~ 10.25am. WC at Sainsburys (15 mins walk)** |
| Thurs 20th | **Mousehold Heath** | Gorse to the left of them, gorse to the right of them, into the valley rode the volunteers to cut it back again. | Car park in front of Zak's Mousehold Diner halfway up Gurney Road opposite the bandstand, Norwich, NR1 4HW. [ what3words: sobs.deeply.charm ] **WC next to Zak's** |
| Fri 21st | **Wensum Park** | A light bulb moment. Here's a good idea, lets clear the banks and plant some bulbs! | Wensum Park north-west entrance, A1067 Drayton Road, Norwich, NR3 2DF. [ what3words: budget.sticky.walks ] **WC within the park**. |
| Mon 24th | **Harleston Rushall Road**<br>**NEW SITE** | When Will There Be A Harvest For The World? Building a rainwater harvester and a new bridge. | Glamis Court junction with Elizabeth Walk, Harleston, Norfolk, IP20 9JP. [ what3words address: crumb.evoke.hostels ] **Arriving approx. 10.45am. WC within the park opposite (3 mins walk) PT** |
| Tues 25th | **Poringland Woods** | Me, the 13th Duke of Wybourne, in woods at Poringland, with my Rhododendron? What were they thinking? Removing invasive plants, that's what! | 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). PT** |
| Wed 26th | **Cringleford Willow Centre** | Listen to the wise words of Mr Miyawaki…and adopt his methods of planting a new forest. | Willow Centre car park, junction of Dragonfly Lane and Willowcraft Way, Cringleford, Norwich, NR4 7JG. [ what3words: glaze.again.edges ] **WC on site at Willow Centre. PT** |

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| Thurs 27th | **Wensum Park** | Spring-ing into action. Planting wildflower bulbs ready for the Springtime. | Wensum Park north-west entrance, A1067 Drayton Road, Norwich, NR3 2DF. [ what3words: budget.sticky.walks ] **WC within the park**. |
| Fri 28th | **Cringleford Willow Centre** | The Forest-trees Commission. We have been tasked with planting 4 new mini-forests around Cringleford. | Willow Centre car park, junction of Dragonfly Lane and Willowcraft Way, Cringleford, Norwich, NR4 7JG. [ what3words: glaze.again.edges ] **WC on site at Willow Centre.** |

**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. **FREE bus travel for ALL days this month - tickets refunded for all volunteers for any bus journeys to and from either of our meeting points on the day ****

**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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