

NORFOLK CONSERVATION CORPS

TASK PROGRAMME FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2026

Task Timing We start work at 10.00, and stop for lunch at 12.30. This is usually followed by a walk before we start work in the afternoon, and we finish at 4.30 (or before dusk in the winter).

Footwear This will depend on the weather and ground conditions, but as many of the sites can be wet underfoot (especially in winter), it is a good idea to bring wellington boots if you have some.

Tetanus To keep safe, please ensure that you are up to date with your tetanus protection.

AUGUST 2nd **ALDERFORD COMMON**

9 miles NW Norwich

O.S. Landranger Map 133, grid ref. TG 128 184

Sat nav coords for parking: lat 52.722235, long 1.1505926
(Carpark is just off the Alderford / Attlebridge road and easily missed).

This important site has a large area of chalk grassland which is a designated SSSI. Chalk grassland is usually the most species rich habitat for plants and is rare in Norfolk. We will likely be managing encroaching bracken and scrub.

Task leader: **Ian Braid**: 07900 967022

AUGUST 9th **BUXTON HEATH**

**** **TASK CANCELLED** **** (*forecast high temperatures*)

9 miles NW Norwich

O.S. Landranger Map 133, grid ref. TG 171 214

Carpark is just off the road called The Heath
(sat nav coords: lat 52.747012, long 1.2152016)

AUGUST 9th BUXTON HEATH (continued)

**** **TASK CANCELLED** **** (forecast high temperatures)

This site is a SSSI managed by Norfolk Wildlife Trust and Natural England, and is a mosaic of lowland heath, woodland, scrub, and valley mire. It is one of the best examples of this rare habitat type in Norfolk. It has a rich flora, and some rare mosses, liverworts and fungi. We will be controlling encroaching bracken on the heath.

Task leader: **David Max** Tel: 01328 838602, mobile 07396 954021

AUGUST 16th WOODBASTWICK MARSHES

8 miles NE Norwich

O.S. Landranger Map 134, grid ref. TG 341 162

Park at the end of Ferry Road by the river

Satnav cords: lat 52.694810, long 1.4670423

This site is part of the Bure Marshes National Nature Reserve. Like many sites in Broadland, it has to be managed to prevent it becoming dominated by alder and willow carr (wet woodland). Although the carr is an important habitat, a lot of wildlife (including the rare Swallowtail butterfly) needs open fen and marshes. Today's task is dependent on water levels but we are most likely to be raking cuttings from the tracks.

NB. Wellington boots are usually essential for this site.

Task leader: **Ian Braid**: 07900 967022

AUGUST 23rd CALDBECK, ILKETSHALL ST ANDREW

3 miles south of Bungay in Suffolk

O.S. Landranger Map 156, TM 381 865

Satnav cords: lat 52.424967, long 1.5013263

This is a property recently taken on by one of our members. There is an area which is to be managed as grassland/meadow and today's task is to carry out the annual summer cut.

Task leader: **Ian Braid**: 07900 967022

AUGUST 30th HOLT LOWES

1 mile SE of Holt

O.S. Landranger Map 133, grid ref. TG 088 382

Satnav coords for parking: lat 52.824623 long 0.88872448

This reserve is an attractive mixture of dry sandy heath and valley bog close to the River Glaven. The small tributary valley that bisects the heath contains a fine example of a mixed bog community, as the alkaline water of the feeder stream contrasts with the acidic areas on the valley sides. We will be controlling bracken growth on the heath. N.B. We will probably be meeting in the Hempstead Road car park (map ref above), but volunteers should check with the task leader about this beforehand.

Task leader: **Nigel Smith** Tel: mobile 07552 453743

SEPTEMBER 6th **BROADLAND COUNTRY PARK**

7 miles NW Norwich

O.S. Landranger Map 134, grid ref TG 183 175

Owing to construction work, access is (temporarily) from the carpark on the north side of Haveringland Road at TG183175, on the edge of St. Faith's Common (sat nav coords: lat 52.711742, long 1.2303883. The 'old' carpark may be usable by February).

This site, formerly known as Houghen Plantation, is located 7 miles NW of Norwich between Horsford and Felthorpe. The area includes a species-rich valley fen and mire (a county wildlife site), wet woodland, chestnut coppice and conifer plantations, parts of which have been cleared and restored to open heathland. Today we will be continuing the management of the site. Most likely this will be raking up bracken and rank vegetation. (This is an extra task recently added to the programme).

Task leader: Nigel Smith Tel: mobile 07552 453743

SEPTEMBER 20th SWANNINGTON UPGATE COMMON

8 miles NW of Norwich

O.S. Landranger Map 133, grid ref. TG 142 182

Sat nav coords for parking: lat 52.719281, long 1.1709774.

(Parking is opposite the houses at Upgate)

This is a site we have been visiting for many years, containing a wonderful range of habitats. Near the entrance to the common is a grassland area. South-east of the grassland are some woods containing several biodiverse ponds, and further south-east is a mixed heath and bog area. Today's task is likely to be management of encroaching scrub as part of ongoing maintenance on the site.

Task leader: **Ian Braid** Tel: mobile: 07496 219385