

## PRACTICAL CONSERVATION TASKS

OCTOBER

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# 2024 - 2025

Wiltshire Wildlife Conservation Volunteers meet on Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays, to carry out a wide range of work that helps to maintain and improve conditions for wildlife to flourish in Wiltshire.

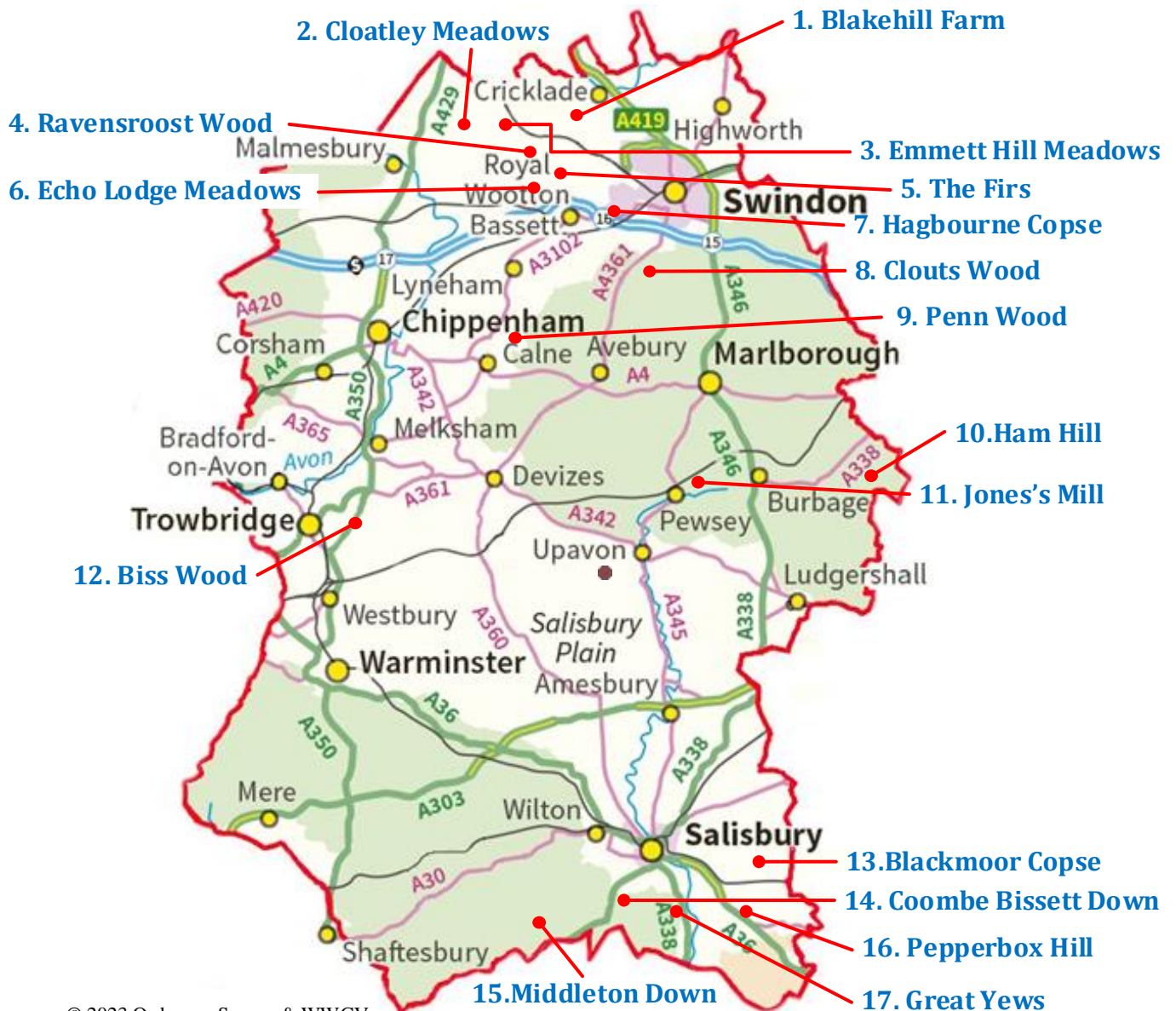
No previous practical experience is necessary. Just come along and we will provide the safety kit, tools and training required. You work at your own pace as slow or as fast as you like.

Tasks are open to anyone. They provide a great opportunity to develop new skills, make new friends and learn more about the management of the countryside.

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Website: <http://www.wwcv.co.uk>



- 1. BLAKEHILL FARM [WWT]** Cricklade  
**Meeting place:** SU073923  
 Blakehill Farm is clearly signposted with brown signs before and at the turn. It is near the village of Leigh on the B4040 between Minety and Cricklade. From Cricklade drive about 1.3 miles from edge of town. The reserve entrance is on the left just before the road bends right. From Minety drive about 3.2 miles. The reserve entrance is on the right about 500m after leaving the village of Leigh.  
**Leader:** Richard Aisbitt 01793 694680
- 2. CLOATLEY MEADOWS [WWT]** Malmesbury  
**Meeting place:** ST983906  
 From the Malmesbury to Cricklade road (B4040), turn off for Hankerton in village of Charlton. In Hankerton turn right into Cloatley road, (signed for Cricklade and Minety). Reserve entrance and car park are on the left after one mile.  
**Leader:** Richard Aisbitt 01793 694680
- 3. EMMETT HILL MEADOWS [WWT]** Minety  
**Meeting place:** SU010907  
 Park on south side of road on verge, between Minety and Upper Minety, west of Dog Trap Lane.  
**Leader:** Richard Aisbitt 01793 694680
- 4. RAVENSROOST WOOD [WWT]** Malmesbury  
 Woodland management **Meeting place:** SU023877  
 The car park at the southern side of the wood.  
**Leader:** Richard Aisbitt 01793 694680
- 5. THE FIRS [WWT]** Royal Wootton Bassett  
 Woodland management **Meeting place:** SU047864  
 On the north side of Wood Lane running between the B4042 and B4606. Park on verge by the Entrance Gate.  
**Leader:** Richard Aisbitt 01793 694680
- 6. ECHO LODGE MEADOWS [WWT]** R. Wootton Bassett  
**Meeting place:** SU039854  
 Car park is at the end of track (bridleway) off Wood Lane. Wood Lane runs between B4042 and B4696. The track is ½ mile from B4042, just after a small bridge.  
**Leader:** Richard Aisbitt 01793 694680
- 7. HAGBOURNE COPSE [WWT]** Swindon  
 Woodland Management **Meeting place:** SU105829  
 From M4 junction16 take A3102 towards Swindon. At 1st roundabout turn right into Ramsden Road. At next roundabout turn right into Frankland Road. Entrance located on right just before the T-junction. Some parking along Frankland Road.  
**Leader:** Richard Aisbitt 01793 694680
- 8. CLOUTS WOOD [WWT]** Wroughton  
 Woodland management **Meeting place:** SU135800  
 Meet at the lay-by on the A4361 Swindon to Avebury road just south of Wroughton. We will walk through the Markham Banks WWT reserve to reach the wood. The entrance track to Markham is 100m downhill from the lay-by.  
**Leader:** Richard Aisbitt 01793 694680
- 9. PENN WOOD [WWT]** Calne  
 Path management **Meeting place:** SU012728  
 From Calne town centre take Oxford road towards Swindon and turn right onto High Penn track (before the A3102 roundabout); from A3102 north of Calne, take the 'Town Centre Only' road at the roundabout, then turn left onto High Penn track, opposite the Tesco store, beside the new houses. Follow the track uphill to the car park.  
**Leader:** Richard Aisbitt 01793 694680
- 10. HAM HILL [WWT]** Hungerford  
 Scrub clearance **Meeting place:** SU334616  
 From the A338 Burbage to Hungerford road turn towards Shalbourne and Ham. Go through Ham heading south. The reserve is on the left side of the road around ¾ mile outside of the village. There should be room to park beside the reserve entrance; if not, there is more space at the top of the hill.  
**Leader:** Richard Aisbitt 01793 694680
- 11. JONES'S MILL [WWT]** Pewsey  
 Wetland Management **Meeting place:** SU170610  
 From Pewsey centre, take the High Street (B3087) towards Milton Lilbourne and Burbage. Outside of Pewsey, turn left down Dursden Lane, just before a white cottage. Cross over the railway bridge and reserve entrance is on left with a small parking area.  
**Leader:** Gary Wilson 01672 851048
- 12. BISS WOOD [WWT]** Trowbridge  
 Woodland Management **Meeting place:** ST880566  
 The entrance is on the West side of the A350, ½ mile north of West Ashton and opposite Castle Lodge.  
**Leader:** Geoff Parsons 01225 774540
- 13. BLACKMOOR COPSE [WWT]** Salisbury  
 Woodland management **Meeting place:** SU232289  
 Southeast of Farley, from the junction with Livery Road go ¼ mile along Ben Lane, the gate into the reserve is on the right. Go through the gate and follow the gravel track to the end.  
**Leader:** Rod Poynting 01722 322236
- 14. COOMBE BISSETT DOWN [WWT]** Salisbury  
 Scrub clearance **Meeting place:** SU112257  
 From the A354 at Coombe Bissett turn south on to the Homington road. Turn right up Pennings Drove just before the Coombe Fellowship. The gate into the reserve is a short distance up the hill on the right.  
**Leader:** Rod Poynting 01722 322236
- 15. MIDDLETON DOWN [WWT]** Wilton  
 Scrub clearance **Meeting place:** SU041254  
 In Broad Chalke, turn down 'The Causeway' opposite the Queen's Head pub and the car park is 230 yards on the right, just after the bridge.  
**Leader:** Rod Poynting 01722 322236
- 16. PEPPERBOX HILL [NT]** Salisbury  
 Scrub clearance **Meeting place:** SU211248  
 Park in NT car park off A36 Salisbury to Southampton road, about 4 miles south of Salisbury.  
**Leader:** Rod Poynting 01722 322236
- 17. Great Yews [LE]** Salisbury  
 Scrub Clearance **Meeting place:** SU145245  
 From the A338 take the Nunton/Odstock Road. In Nunton, past the Radnor Arms, take the first left onto Nunton Drove. After 1.3 miles, turn right into the Yews Farm Grain Store and park on the left.  
**Leader:** Rod Poynting 01722 322236

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### Information to remember about tasks

<b>HEALTH</b>	Please ensure you have up to date tetanus cover.
<b>WHAT TO BRING</b>	We provide safety kit, tools, strong gloves and training. All you need to bring is a packed lunch, plenty to drink (tasks last all day) and plenty of enthusiasm!
<b>FOOTWEAR</b>	We recommend Wellington boots or safety boots (ideally with steel toe caps) for most tasks, and walking boots or safety boots for working on steep downland sites.
<b>TRANSPORT</b>	If you would need a lift, please contact the Task Leader who may be able to arrange transport. We can help with your transport costs, but you need to claim for this.
<b>AGE RANGE</b>	WWCV tasks are open to all, but those under 18 <b>MUST</b> be accompanied by a responsible adult.
<b>INSURANCE</b>	Volunteers are covered by insurance.

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**Tasks normally start at 10:30 a.m. and finish around 3:30 p.m. depending on weather and progress.**

All sites are Wiltshire Wildlife Trust unless suffixed: *NT* - National Trust, *LE* - Longford Estates

**NORTH**

1. **Blakehill Farm** ..... RA    A 10<sup>th</sup> November    B 9<sup>th</sup> February  
Sundays
2. **Cloatley Meadows**..... RA    A 3<sup>rd</sup> November  
Sundays
3. **Emmett Hill Meadows**.... RA    A 20<sup>th</sup> October    B 23<sup>rd</sup> February    C 22<sup>nd</sup> March    D 29<sup>th</sup> March  
Sundays
4. **Ravensroost Wood**..... RA    A 29<sup>th</sup> September    B 24<sup>th</sup> November    C 5<sup>th</sup> January    D 16<sup>th</sup> March  
Sundays
5. **The Firs** ..... RA    A 22<sup>nd</sup> September    B 17<sup>th</sup> November    C 12<sup>th</sup> January    D 9<sup>th</sup> March  
Sundays
6. **Echo Lodge Meadows**.... RA    A 1<sup>st</sup> December    B 16<sup>th</sup> February  
Saturday/Sundays
7. **Hagbourne Copse** ..... RA    A 13<sup>th</sup> October    B 15<sup>th</sup> December    C 2<sup>nd</sup> February  
Sundays
8. **Clouts Wood**..... RA    A 15<sup>th</sup> September    B 27<sup>th</sup> October    C 8<sup>th</sup> December    D 19<sup>th</sup> January  
Sundays  
E 2<sup>nd</sup> March

**CENTRAL**

9. **Penn Wood** ..... RA    A 26<sup>th</sup> January    B 23<sup>rd</sup> March  
Sundays
10. **Ham Hill** ..... RA    A 7<sup>th</sup> September    B 30<sup>th</sup> March  
Saturday/Sunday
11. **Jones's Mill**..... GW    A From 2<sup>nd</sup> October every Wednesday until 9<sup>th</sup> April  
Wednesdays
12. **Biss Wood**..... GP    A From 4<sup>th</sup> September every Wednesday until 26<sup>th</sup> March  
Wednesdays

**SOUTH**

13. **Blackmoor Copse**..... RP    A 14<sup>th</sup> September    B 5<sup>th</sup> October    C 19<sup>th</sup> October    D 2<sup>nd</sup> November  
Saturdays  
E 23<sup>rd</sup> November    F 11<sup>th</sup> January    G 25<sup>th</sup> January    H 15<sup>th</sup> February  
I 15<sup>th</sup> March  
J First Tuesday of the month  
Tuesdays
14. **Coombe Bissett Down**.... RP    A 28<sup>th</sup> September    B 30<sup>th</sup> November    C 8<sup>th</sup> February  
Saturdays
15. **Middleton Down** ..... RP    A 26<sup>th</sup> October    B 18<sup>th</sup> January    C 8<sup>th</sup> March  
Saturdays
16. **Pepperbox Hill (NT)** ..... RP    A 21<sup>st</sup> September    B 12<sup>th</sup> October    C 9<sup>th</sup> November    D 7<sup>th</sup> December  
Saturdays  
E 4<sup>th</sup> January    F 1<sup>st</sup> February    G 1<sup>st</sup> March
17. **Great Yews (LE)** ..... RP    A 16<sup>th</sup> November    B 14<sup>th</sup> December    C 22<sup>nd</sup> February  
Saturdays

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## Midweek Task Calendar

<b>September</b>	Tue	3	Blackmoor Copse	13J	<b>January</b>	Tue	7	Blackmoor Copse	13J	
	Wed	4	Biss Wood	12A		Wed	8	Jones's Mill	11A	
	Wed	11	Biss Wood	12A		Wed	8	Biss Wood	12A	
	Wed	18	Biss Wood	12A		Wed	15	Jones's Mill	11A	
	Wed	25	Biss Wood	12A		Wed	15	Biss Wood	12A	
<b>October</b>	Tue	1	Blackmoor Copse	13J	Wed	22	Jones's Mill	11A		
	Wed	2	Jones's Mill	11A	Wed	22	Biss Wood	12A		
	Wed	2	Biss Wood	12A	Wed	29	Jones's Mill	11A		
	Wed	9	Jones's Mill	11A	Wed	29	Biss Wood	12A		
	Wed	9	Biss Wood	12A	<b>February</b>	Tue	4	Blackmoor Copse	13J	
	Wed	16	Jones's Mill	11A		Wed	5	Jones's Mill	11A	
	Wed	16	Biss Wood	12A		Wed	5	Biss Wood	12A	
	Wed	23	Jones's Mill	11A		Wed	12	Jones's Mill	11A	
	Wed	23	Biss Wood	12A		Wed	12	Biss Wood	12A	
	Wed	30	Jones's Mill	11A		Wed	19	Jones's Mill	11A	
	Wed	30	Biss Wood	12A		Wed	19	Biss Wood	12A	
<b>November</b>	Tue	5	Blackmoor Copse	13J		Wed	26	Jones's Mill	11A	
	Wed	6	Jones's Mill	11A		Wed	26	Biss Wood	12A	
	Wed	6	Biss Wood	12A		<b>March</b>	Tue	4	Blackmoor Copse	13J
	Wed	13	Jones's Mill	11A			Wed	5	Jones's Mill	11A
	Wed	13	Biss Wood	12A	Wed		5	Biss Wood	12A	
	Wed	20	Jones's Mill	11A	Wed		12	Jones's Mill	11A	
	Wed	20	Biss Wood	12A	Wed		12	Biss Wood	12A	
	Wed	27	Jones's Mill	11A	Wed		19	Jones's Mill	11A	
Wed	27	Biss Wood	12A	Wed	19		Biss Wood	12A		
<b>December</b>	Tue	3	Blackmoor Copse	13J	Wed		26	Jones's Mill	11A	
	Wed	4	Jones's Mill	11A	Wed		26	Biss Wood	12A	
	Wed	4	Biss Wood	12A	<b>April</b>		Tue	1	Blackmoor Copse	13J
	Wed	11	Jones's Mill	11A			Wed	2	Jones's Mill	11A
	Wed	11	Biss Wood	12A		Wed	9	Jones's Mill	11A	
	Wed	18	Jones's Mill	11A	<b>May</b>	Tue	6	Blackmoor Copse	13J	
	Wed	18	Biss Wood	12A		<b>June</b>	Tue	3	Blackmoor Copse	13J
<b>July</b>	Tue	1	Blackmoor Copse	13J	<b>August</b>		Tue	5	Blackmoor Copse	13J

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