

Volunteer Task Programme

July 2017 to October 2017

To book on events, use the online portal: <http://37.188.117.158/suttonecology/> or for directions to events, look on the website <http://suttonnature.wordpress.com/events/> or e-mail: biodiversity@sutton.gov.uk (Mon to Fri)

Call 020 8770 5821 or email sncvvolunteers@hotmail.co.uk for additional information about SNCV

Don't forget tasks are held at Sutton Ecology Centre on **Wednesdays - 10 - 4pm!**

Task programmes, news and other SNCV information

<https://suttonnature.wordpress.com/task-programme/>

Sutton Biodiversity Team Events for 2017

<http://tinyurl.com/pgr5rvu>

Task Details

Midweek tasks run from **10:00** to **16:00**.

If you require a lift, please meet at Sutton Ecology Centre at **09:45** in order to help load tools and equipment into the minibus.

You are also welcome to join us on site but you **need to inform us before you set off**, as sometimes circumstances lead to changes in the advertised programme.

Call Mark on 07872 510 122, or, Dave on 020 8770 4203 / 07736 338 366 if you need anything

If you haven't been out before or want to get involved again please give Mark or Dave a call

Volunteering

There are volunteering opportunities on days of the week other than those listed in the programme, such as completion of building projects, surveys, promotion (flyers, website, newsletters and posters), tools maintenance, projects with schools and other community groups. Please feel free to contact SNCV, the Biodiversity Team or talk to Dave or Mark to find out about other volunteering opportunities.

Weekend Tasks

Spencer Road Wetland

Tasks take place on the first Saturday of the month from 11:00 to 13:30. Meet by the reserve entrance gate on Spencer Road, Mitcham Junction. Task leader is Norman Jones - 020 8286 1874 / email: norman.jones@blueyonder.co.uk

Sutton Ecology Centre

Takes place every Wednesday from 9:45 until 16:00 (except the 1st Wednesday of the month) and on the 3rd Sunday of the month from 10:00 - 14:00.

Contact Mark Featherstone to find out what we will be doing and where to meet. Phone 07872 510 122 email: mark.featherstone@sutton.gov.uk

Wilderness Island

Tasks take place on the last Sunday of the month 10:30 to 13:00. Meet by the reserve entrance (at the junction of Mill Lane and Strawberry Lane). Contact Derek Coleman on 020 8669 7421/ email: derek.coleman@hotmail.com

Stay in touch!



Tweet us: [@SNCVVolunteers](https://twitter.com/SNCVVolunteers)

Facebook: [Sutton Nature Conservation Volunteers](https://www.facebook.com/SuttonNatureConservationVolunteers)

e-mail: sncvvolunteers@hotmail.co.uk

Website: www.sncv.org.uk

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July



Tending new plants at Anton Crescent Wetland

Saturday 1st **Spencer Road Wetlands Open Day**

Call Norman Jones for details on 020 8286 1874

Saturday 1st **Queen Mary's Woodland Community Woodland Task Day 10:30am – 3pm**

Saturday 1st **Butterflies Study Day Roundshaw Downs 10am-4pm.** One of the best studied animal groups in the UK, butterflies are iconic of spring and summer but their national declines are indicating worrying trends to our countryside and wild spaces. Join Sutton Biodiversity Team for information on their identification, life histories and habitat requirements. Morning session at **Stonecourt**, Carshalton. Cost: £20 per person. Suitable for: Adults 16+. Booking is essential.

Tuesday 4th **Various sites**
Ragwort control

Thursday 6th **Various sites**
Ragwort control

Monday 10th **Riverfly Survey**
Spend about 1½ Hrs helping monitor sections of the Wandle. Call Mark for details on 07872 510 122

Tuesday 11th **Various sites**
Ragwort control

Wednesday 12th **Sutton Ecology Centre**
Working around the grounds or out and about

Thursday 13th **Wellfield North**
Fence repair works

Sunday 16th **Sutton Ecology Centre**
Carrying out practical work around the grounds or at other sites around the borough. Call Mark on 07872 510 122

Tuesday 18th **Anton Crescent Wetland**
Attend to new plants and vegetation control

Tuesday 18th **SNCV Volunteers Meeting**
From 19:30 at Stone Court, North Street

Wednesday 19th **Sutton Ecology Centre**
Working around the grounds or out and about

Thursday 20th **Queen Mary's Woodland**
Woodland works – including woodchip path

Saturday 22nd **Queen Mary's Woodland Community Woodland Day 10:30am – 3pm**

Tuesday 25th **Queen Mary's Woodland**
Woodland works – including woodchip path

Wednesday 26th **Sutton Ecology Centre**
Working around the grounds or out and about

Thursday 27th **DANA**
Fence repair and site maintenance

Sunday 30th **Wilderness Island**
Contact Derek Coleman on 020 8669 7421

August

Tuesday 1st **Roundshaw Downs**
Botanical survey (Phase 1, CGRA, G04)

Tuesday 1st **Wandle Wildlife Fun Day & Drawing Competition**
Sutton Ecology Centre 11am to 2pm
Come to the Ecology Centre to join Sutton's Biodiversity Team and other Wandle Wildlife experts. Follow the Wandle Wildlife Trail to discover who lives along the River Wandle. Why not enter the Wandle Wildlife Drawing competition for a chance to win some fab prizes. Download a competition - **Entry form**

Cost: £4 per child
Suitable for children 3yrs +. No Booking essential.

Thursday 3rd **Wellfield North & Therapia Lane Rough**
Botanical survey (Phase 1, CGRA, G04 + G06)

Thursday 3rd **Family Fun Mallet Making**
Sutton Ecology Centre 10am to 12pm and 1pm to 4pm
Learn how to make your own mallet using a Bow saw and Billhook. Test out your handy work by using it to put up a shelter before getting to take it home! **Run by Wildlings Forest School** Places limited to 10 children per session. Suitable for: 5years+ due to nature of activities in this session. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Younger siblings are welcome to come along for general play in the woods but will not be able to join in with the main activity. Cost: £12 per child. Places are limited. Booking must be made in advance. Please email wildlingsforestschool@gmail.com for further information or to book.

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Saturday 5th **Dragonflies & Damselflies Study Day**

10am-4pm Stonecourt for morning classroom session, field trip for afternoon session. Flying jewels of the sky, the vibrant and active nature of dragonflies and damselflies will be explored, with identification of key species, habitat requirements and conservation covered by the course. Classroom session at Stonecourt in the morning, then field trip.

Cost: £20 per person. Suitable for: Adults 16+. Booking: Essential!

Tuesday 8th **Go Wild for bees Sutton Ecology Centre 10am to 12pm**

Join Sutton's Biodiversity Team and learn about these amazingly busy creatures! Play games, taste honey and make a bee hotel to take home. Cost: £5 per child 3yrs + Booking essential.

Tuesday 8th **Wellfield East / South / West** Botanical survey (Phase 1, CGRA, G04)

Thursday 10th **Action Day** Dealing with outstanding work

Saturday 12th **Spencer Road Wetlands Open Day**

Call Norman Jones for details on 020 8286 1874

Monday 14th **Riverfly Survey** Spend about 1½ Hrs helping monitor sections of the Wandle. Call Mark for details on 07872 510 122

Monday 14th **Flower Fairies Adventure Sutton Ecology Centre 11am to 2pm**

Find the flower fairies with their flowers, plants and trees at Sutton Ecology Centre. Fairy stories, make gates and gardens for the fairies in the fairy circle and make your own flower fairy or elf to take home. Cost: £4 per child, Suitable for families with children 3yrs+. Drop in, no booking required

Tuesday 15th **Queen Mary's Woodland** Botanical survey (Phase 1)

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Thursday 17th **Belmont Pastures**

Botanical Survey (Phase 1, CGRA, G04)

Sunday 20th **Sutton Ecology Centre** Carrying out practical work around the grounds or at other sites around the borough. Call Mark on 07872 510 122

Tuesday 22nd **Carshalton Road Pastures** Botanical Survey (Phase 1, CGRA, G04) + removal of fly tipping

Thursday 24th **Cuddington Meadows** Botanical Survey (Phase 1, CGRA, G04) + completion of fencing works

Sunday 27th **Wilderness Island** Contact Derek Coleman on 020 8669 7421

Monday 28th **Environmental Fair** Come and help promote SNCV and the wildlife sites Sutton has to offer

Tuesday 29th **Avenue Primary** Botanical survey (Phase 1, CGRA, G04) + meadow cuts and site maintenance

Thursday 31st **DANA** Botanical survey (Phase 1, CGRA, G04) + site maintenance

September

Saturday 2nd **Spencer Road Wetlands Open Day**

Call Norman Jones for details on 020 8286 1874

Tuesday 5th **Carew Manor Wetland** Meadow cut, scarifying and green haying

Thursday 7th **The Warren** Rake previously cut meadow, scarifying and seeding

Monday 11th **Riverfly Survey** Spend about 1½ Hrs helping monitor sections of the Wandle. Call Mark for details on 07872 510 122

Tuesday 12th **Anton Crescent Wetland** Meadow cut

Wednesday 13th **Sutton Ecology Centre** Working around the grounds or out and about

Thursday 14th **Kimpton Balancing Pond** Meadow cut, scarifying, seeding and planting

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Sunday 17th

Sutton Ecology Centre

Carrying out practical work around the grounds or at other sites around the borough. Call Mark on 07872 510 122

Tuesday 19th

**Wandle Edge + Therapia Lane
Rough**

Vegetation control + Raking

Wednesday 20th

Sutton Ecology Centre

Working around the grounds or out and about

Thursday 21st

Roundshaw Woods

Vegetation control in glades

Saturday 23rd

Queen Mary's Woodland

12pm to 4pm Anniversary Picnic and Open Day

Join Sutton Nature Conservation Volunteers as we celebrate thirty years of 'Helping Wildlife on Sutton's Doorstep'. We will be championing the achievements of local volunteers who have helped Sutton's Biodiversity Team transform the woodland into valuable habitat for plants and animals. **No booking required.**

Saturday 23rd

Trees Study Day

10am-4pm. Discover our native trees as we investigate their ecology and learn how to recognise their key ID characteristics. Stonecourt for classroom session / local parks for outdoor session.

Cost: £20. Suitable For: Adult 16+. Booking: Essential

Sunday 24th

Wilderness Island

Contact Derek Coleman on 020 8669 7421

Tuesday 26th

Queen Mary's Woodland

Grass cutting, vegetation Control, seeding etc

Wednesday 27th

Sutton Ecology Centre

Working around the grounds or out and about

Thursday 28th

Roundshaw Downs

Topping north paddock

Thursday 5th

Sutton Common

Scrape scarification and planting

Saturday 7th

Spencer Road Wetland

Call Norman Jones for details on 020 8286 1874

Monday 9th

Riverfly Survey

Spend about 1½ Hrs helping monitor sections of the Wandle. Call Mark for details on 07872 510 122

Tuesday 10th

The Spinney

Vegetation control and work to imported material area

Wednesday 11th

Sutton Ecology Centre

Working around the grounds or out and about

Thursday 12th

Queen Mary's Woodland

Habitat works

Sunday 15th

Sutton Ecology Centre

Volunteer at SEC carrying out practical work in the grounds. Call Mark on 07872 510 122

Tuesday 17th

**London Road Edge +
Cuddington Rec pond**

Vegetation control

Wednesday 18th

Sutton Ecology Centre

Working around the grounds or out and about

Thursday 19th

Queen Mary's Woodland

Habitat works

Tuesday 24th

**Roundshaw Downs – Overhill
Drive**

Vegetation Control - Bramble bashing

Wednesday 25th

Sutton Ecology Centre

Working around the grounds or out and about

Thursday 26th

Roundshaw Downs

Facing up Plough Lane hedge + paths through woodland

October

Tuesday 3rd

Belmont Pastures

Vegetation control, scarification and rotovating north of scrape

Sunday 29th

Wilderness Island

Contact Derek Coleman on 020 8669 7421

Tuesday 31st

Action Day

Dealing with outstanding work