

2009 Mid Week Programme July to September

This list may change at short notice please ring first or meet at the pick up point

JULY

- 1st **Roman Road SSSI and Fleam Dyke SSSI** – These sites suffer from the presence of some highly invasive species, some of which shall be controlling today.
- 8th **Great Wilbraham Common SSSI** – This important, but little known site, is a favourite with the group. Unfortunately it suffers by having a large population of ragwort that can limit the interest of this nationally important site. We shall be targeting this species in discrete areas that hold areas of grassland with the most interest.
- 15th **Hairstreak Search** – We shall be spending the day hunting for two elusive butterfly species, the purple and the white-letter hairstreak. Binoculars are essential for this day, as is sunny, still weather.
- 22nd **Floral Foray part II** – We shall be visiting several more sites searching for scarce plants species that will have benefitted from our work throughout the previous winter. Sites to be visited include Gog Magog Golf Course, Beacon Course and Devils Dyke.
- 29th **Crimpledean Paddock CWS** – This interesting sounding site is new for the team, but the task is an old favourite. We shall be helping control ragwort at this important grassland site.

AUGUST

- 5th **Castle Camps Churchyard CWS** – Another new site for the group, contains an important area of grassland. The group's task is to rake up the hay and to feed it to the local cows!
- 12th **Little Trees Hill, Stapleford** – This wonderful site, with amazing views, needs help in controlling the invasive plant snowberry from encroaching onto existing chalk grassland. The task will be continuing the work started by the group last year.
- 19th **Great Wilbraham Common SSSI** – See above.
- 26th **Devils Dyke SSSI** – This internationally important site is being beset by the highly invasive clematis in a small section of its 7 mile length. The group's task is to reduce its growth in preparation for the arrival of the sheep.

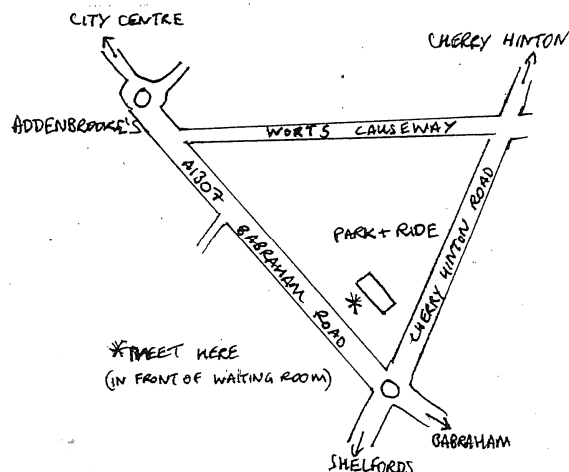
SEPTEMBER

- 2nd **TBC**
- 9th **Woodland Grange CWS, Steeple Morden** – The groups first visit of the autumn to this interesting site, where grass cutting and fruit tree surveying will be the main tasks.
- 16th **TBC**
- 23rd **Haslingfield Pit CWS** – After a fantastic orchid count this summer we shall be continuing the essential grass cutting and scrub clearance work. This will allow those species to increase in number and distribution throughout the pit, along with many other important chalk grassland species.
- 30th **Toseland Church CWS** – Yet another new site for the group where a grassland of county importance needs to be cut and cleared to help maintain the high number of grassland species found there.



Other Information

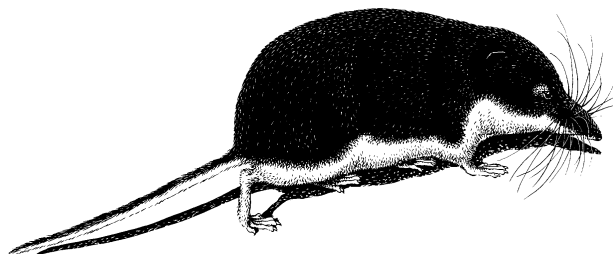
- Bring a packed lunch
- Wear old clothes, strong shoes and bring waterproofs
- All tools and necessary training is provided
- Free transport from Babraham Road Park and Ride, meet at 9.30am (see map below)
- Tasks start at 10am and finishes by 4pm
- All tasks include a tour of the site and information on wildlife habitats
- Don't forget to have a Tetanus jab!



Are you looking for fresh air, fun
and exercise?

If so, why not join the Mid-Week
Volunteer Group and do some
important and worthwhile work at the
same time.

Newcomers are always welcome.



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Midweek Conservation Volunteers



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