



Vale and Valleys Work Party Programme Winter 2011

Welcome to another work party programme. Volunteers have continued to come out on work parties and have done a great job and this is very much appreciated by all the staff at the wildlife trust.

In addition to the usual Wednesday and Friday working parties, the Warden for Parc Slip is requesting the help of one or two volunteers to help with small jobs around the reserve. For more information about this please ring **01656 724100** and ask to speak to Tim Jones

The work party programme is as follows:

Month	Date	Reserve	Task
November	Wednesday 23 rd	Parc slip	Variety of tasks
	Friday 25 th	Coed y Bwl	Woodland management
	Wednesday 30 th	Parc slip	Variety of Tasks
December	Friday 2 nd	Aberthaw	Cutting Buckthorn
	Wednesday 7 th	Brynna	Variety of tasks
	Friday 9 th	Llwyn Rhiddid	Rhododendren Cutting
	Wednesday 14 th	Coed y Bwl	Woodland management
	Friday 16 th	Parc slip xmas party	Hedge laying
	Wednesday 21 st	Parc slip/Brynna	Winter clean up

Subject to change

Please telephone reception the day before on 01656 724100 or alternatively Tim on mob no 07811117140 between 9am and 5pm to check for any last minute changes to the programme.

We can help with transport by arranging to meet volunteers at a train station or other designated place. Don't worry if it is your first time, the work party leader will give you all the training necessary and we provide the tools. You just need to be enthusiastic and moderately fit. If you are a new volunteer, please contact Tim Jones for a volunteer form and information pack.

What to wear and what to bring

Please wear tough boots or wellies and clothes appropriate as weather can be changeable, so advisable to bring waterproofs along with you. Also bring plenty of food and drink; enough for the whole day.

A bit about the work

Some of the tasks can be quite physically demanding, but don't be put off; you can go at your own pace and only need do what you feel comfortable with! You will be using a variety of hand tools such as bow saws, loppers and billhooks and some specialist tools. Those who have had the necessary training will also be using power tools, such as scrub cutters and chainsaws. All protective equipment including safety boots provided. The work party leader will teach you the safest and most effective way of using the hand tools. You will also learn about the benefits of your work and what we hope to achieve on each nature reserve. If you are under 15, you will need to be accompanied on the work party by an adult. If you would like any more information about becoming a volunteer on reserve work parties please ring the office.

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