

## Countryside Work Tasks

All tasks are led by a Ranger and all tools, equipment and gloves provided. No experience required just lots of enthusiasm.

Participants would be expected to make their way to a meeting location, to bring lunch and a drink and come prepared for the weather. Old clothes and stout footwear recommended (ideally toe protection work boots if you have them).

We aim to create a relaxed and enjoyable experience, and participants need only do what they can.

<b>April – July</b>	
Footpath work	Maintaining local footpaths and trails by undertaking a variety of tasks including- trimming back vegetation along busy walkways, improving structures such as steps, boardwalks, bridges and surface improvements
Allotment Wildlife Projects	Helping to create wild areas within these important greenspaces in our urban areas. Tasks may include creating wildflower areas, ponds, tree planting, installing community water collection areas or compost areas.
Woodland & Local Nature Reserve Management	Keeping woodland paths in good repair for people to enjoy them by building stone drains, installing bridges and boardwalks, installing new seats, litter picking
<b>July – September</b>	
Meadow management	Maintaining wildflower meadows by cutting, raking and removing grass to help wildflowers come though the following year.
Footpath Work	Repairing steps, constructing path surfaces, cutting back vegetation to keep paths open and pleasant to use
<b>October – March</b>	
Woodland Management	Keeping the woodland healthy by clearing invasive plants and shrubs, cutting back along woodland paths, thinning small tree clusters, building habitat piles
Pond Management	Maintaining pond areas for people and wildlife by clearing litter and debris from ponds, vegetation management, repairing decking or sluice gates, profiling edges, planting and repairing fences
Footpath Work	Repairing steps, constructing path surfaces, cutting back vegetation to keep paths open and pleasant to use
Hedge Laying	Traditional management of hedgerows which involves cutting and bending the trees to encourage them come back thick and healthy.