

# Winter Work Party Programme 2018/19

<b>MAGDALEN HILL DOWN</b>			
WORK PARTY	MONTH	DATE	
1	October	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	
2	November	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	
3	November	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	
4	December	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	
5	January	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	
6	January	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>	
7	February	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	
8	February	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	
9	March	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	

<b>BENTLEY STATION MEADOW</b>			
WORK PARTY	MONTH	DATE	
1	October	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	
2	November	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	
3	December	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	
4	January	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	
5	February	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	
6	March	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	

<b>YEW HILL</b>			
WORK PARTY	MONTH	DATE	
1	November	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	
2	December	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	

## Meet details:

**Magdalen Hill Down, East entrance:** 10am - 4pm. Meet in the car park at the top of the track between the Stonemasons and Morn Hill Cemetery SO21 1HE (SU 512 295)

**Bentley Station Meadow:** 10am - 3pm: Park in the pay & display Station car park, and walk across the railway track to the meadow, SU 792 432. Alternatively, park in the free Forestry Commission car park off Gravel Hill Road SU 802 433, and walk through the FC to the reserve.

**Yew Hill:** Meet at 10:00am at Old Kennels Lane at the junction between Port Lane and Millers Lane, Oliver's Battery (Map ref: SU 451 629). Richard Lemon will lead these tasks.

If you cannot get to the meet points at 10am, please find us on the Reserves. A note directing you to the location will be written on the blackboard at MHD.

We appreciate any time that you have to spare – even if it is just for the odd hour or so.

Please wear suitable clothing, and bring a packed lunch and refreshments. Tools, training, gloves and cakes will be provided.

Practical conservation tasks could include any of the following, and will generally involve a bonfire:

- Scrub clearance, raking and burning
- Tree popping (to remove unwanted woody species from the grasslands)
- Creating bare ground and planting caterpillar food plants
- Hedge laying and pleaching
- Clearing fence-lines of clematis and hawthorn

The work-parties will be led by either myself, a contractor or a BC volunteer. On certain dates, a contractor may join us to carry out any necessary chainsaw work, or this might be done the day before in preparation for a work-party.

## How you can get involved

As well as the dates listed, I also send out an email for extra work-parties when we have one-off jobs to tackle, or if the weather has forced us to cancel any of the pre-planned dates. If you would like to be added to this list, please email your contact details to: [jchapman@butterfly-conservation.org](mailto:jchapman@butterfly-conservation.org)

If you are interested in leading a work-party, please contact me for further details.

If you would like more information, please call me on 01962 808400 (office), or 07909 968657 (mobile). PLEASE PHONE TO CHECK THAT THE WORK PARTY WILL GO AHEAD IF THE WEATHER IS BAD.

***Many thanks, Jayne Chapman, Reserves Officer***