



THE NATIONAL TRUST



Chester National Trust Volunteers

What to wear and bring on a work day?

Old, but serviceable clothes, wellingtons or boots, waterproofs, strong gloves. A rucksack with hot or cold drinks, lunch, spare clothes. We have three working groups, operating on different days of the week. Many of us attend to two of the groups, and some go to all three. On a work day we can get anything between six and over twenty volunteers.

Work the groups have undertaken recently:

Bickerton Hill - Tree thinning, heathland management; Bulkeley Hill – Fencing; drystone walling; Burton Wood - Clearing rhododendron; Chirk Castle - Dry stone walling, assembling large tree guards; Erddig - Tree planting, hedgelaying; Hare Hill - Repair of drainage culverts; Helsby Hill - constructing a riven oak post and rail fence; Heswall Fields - Hedge planting; pond clearance; Speke Hall – Repair of fishing dams; Styal Country Park - Path surfacing; clearing Himalayan balsam; Thurstaston Common - Path drainage improvement; heathland management.

The Sunday and Tuesday groups work in countryside management, visiting all the properties listed above, about 3 times a year on a rota basis..

The Thursday group works on projects during the year, for 3 or 4 properties only, staying at each for a number of consecutive workdays..

Sunday Group - Workdays are the 1st and 3rd Sundays in the month,

Tuesday Group - Workdays are alternate Tuesdays

Thursday (Projects) Group -Thursdays of alternate weeks to the Tuesday Group,

Membership

Come out with us on work days a few times, before deciding about joining our group. Annual membership subscription is £3.50 (£2.50 concessions); you will receive a regular programme, newsletter, and invitation to our social functions

annual barbecue, Christmas Meal etc). Contact Brian Boyd [Membership Secretary 01244 682335] for an application form or e-mail briansue.payne@btinternet.com for more information.

Here is our programme of forthcoming events – we hope it will encourage you to join us.

Date	Type of event	Subject
2009		Location and contact for details
June		
Mon 1 – Thurs 4	Work week	High Wray [Carolyn]
Thurs 4	Work day	Chirk [Dick 01244 683721]
Sun 7	Work day	Erdigg [Ray 0151 327 7173]
Tues 9	Work day	Erddig [Jill 01244 683428]
Thurs 18	Work day	Bulkeley Hill [Dick 01244 683721]
Sun 21	Work day	Helsby Hill [Ray 0151 327 7173]
Tues 23	Work day	Thurstaston [Jill 01244 683428]
July		
Wed 1	Copy date for	Next Newsletter – contact Ann Bell
Thurs 2	Work day	Bulkeley Hill [Dick 01244 683721]
Sun 5	Work day	Thurstaston [Ray 0151 327 7173]
Mon 6	Committee	7.30 at Jill's [Jill 01244 683428]
Tues 7	Work day	Speke [Jill 01244 683428]
Thurs 16	Work day	Chirk [Dick 01244 683721]
Sun 19	Work day	Chirk [Ray 0151 327 7173]
Tues 21	Work day	Styal or Alderley Edge [Jill 01244 683428]
Sat 25	BBQ	Bickerton [Carolyn 01829 770542]
Thurs 30	Work Day	Chirk [Dick 01244 683721]
August		
Sun 2	Work day	Bickerton Hill [Ray 0151 327 7173]
Tues 4	Work day	Chirk [Jill 01244 683428]
Thur 13	Work day	Chirk [Dick 01244 683721]
Sun 16	Work day	Speke [Ray 0151 327 7173]
Tues 18	Work day	Bickerton Hill [Jill 01244 683428]
Thurs 27	Work day	Hare Hill [Dick 01244 683721]
September		Venues for all subsequent dates will be available after 6 July - contact briansue.payne@btinternet.com
Sun 6, 20	Work days	Ray 0151 327 7173
Tues 1, 15, 29	Work days	Jill 01244 683428
Thurs 10, 24	Work days	David 01244 373260
October		Venues for all subsequent dates will be available after 6 July -

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Sun 4, 18	Work days	Ray 0151 327 7173
Tues 13, 27	Work days	Jill 01244 683428
Thurs 8, 22	Work days	David 01244 373260
November 1 Copydate	Newsletter items to Anne Bell please	Venues for all subsequent dates will be available after 6 July - contact briansue.payne@btinternet.com
Sun 1, 8	Work days	Ray 0151 327 7173
Tues 3, 10, 24	Work days	Jill 01244 683428
Thurs 5, 19	Work days	David 01244 373260
December		Venues for all subsequent dates will be available after 6 July - contact briansue.payne@btinternet.com
Sun 6, 20	Work days	Ray 0151 327 7173
Tues 8, 22	Work days	Jill 01244 683428
Thurs 3, 10, 31	Newsletter	David 01244 373260