

## September/October

### Scrub up for juniper

Harting Down, West Sussex



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Juniper once thrived here at Harting Down, but now it's struggling to battle against spreading thorn scrub and choking bramble and clematis. We need volunteers to tackle the scrub and free the juniper and old ant hills shaded out beneath. No skills necessary, but be prepared for dense thorn scrub and bramble. The reward is restoring downland and juniper habitat to benefit a wealth of wildlife, and spending the week in a very beautiful place!

Ref	Date	Nts	Accommodation	Price
18BTP149	29th-6th	7	Slindon Bunkhouse	£160

## October

### Heathland restoration on St David's Peninsula

North Pembrokeshire, Pembrokeshire



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Help look after Wales's largest area of coastal heathland around St David's Head. You'll cut and clear gorse and old heather to regenerate the heath of this spectacular area. Spend one day exploring the Pembrokeshire Coast path on a guided walk and, depending on weather conditions, spend a day kayaking or surfing with local activity provider, Preseli Venture, and our activity ranger. Expect to see loads of wildlife during your week, including seals, porpoise, sea birds, chough and birds of prey. You'll need to be physically fit to enjoy the week. The guided walk will be 8-10 miles. The work will take place on rough terrain, exposed to weather.

Ref	Date	Nts	Accommodation	Price
18KTP207	6th-13th	7	Ysgubor Fawr	£195

### Lundy Island ranger week

Lundy Island, Devon



Join the ranger for a week of practical conservation work on the stunning Lundy Island. Lundy is a SSSI, home to a wide rarity of special and important flora and fauna. You could be working on any part of the 3 mile by ½ mile island; on the heathland plateau, in one of the tree copses or on the scenic east coast sidelands. Work will range from dry-stone and mortar walling to fencing and restoration of the walled gardens but will primarily involve the eradication of the rhododendron as part of a fourteen-year-plus project.

Ref	Date	Nts	Accommodation	Price
18ATP291	6th-13th	7	The Barn	£160

### Putting the garden to bed

Arlington Court, Devon



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Autumn is an essential time for getting the garden ready for the winter and the new season to come. We will be busy doing tasks such as gathering leaves, brush clearance, bulb planting, preparing beds for winter and generally tidying up. You will also be able to enjoy all the autumn tints both in the gardens and surrounding woodland at this time of year.

Ref	Date	Nts	Accommodation	Price
18ATW165	6th-13th	7	Exmoor Bunkhouse	£160

### Restoring the Surrey heathlands

Hindhead, Surrey



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If you like variety, then come and enjoy working with us on the restoration of the Surrey Heathlands. You'll get to see and work on the management of important heathland sites such as the Devil's Punch Bowl and Hindhead. You'll also pick up some new skills by working with craftsmen involved in traditional woodland crafts such as charcoal burning and coppicing.

Ref	Date	Nts	Accommodation	Price
18BTZ179	6th-13th	7	Hunter Bunkhouse	£160

### A real island adventure

Brownsea Island, Dorset



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Ref	Date	Nts	Accommodation	Price
18ATP104	7th-12th	5	South Shore Lodge	£165

### Cider making

Killerton House, Devon



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Help the rangers to harvest over 50 different varieties of apple from the traditionally managed orchards. Using our early nineteenth-century press, see the process from tree to juice. Sampling of last year's batch is a must! Cider-making is very rewarding and interesting; however, it does involve a considerable amount of lifting and bending, from collecting the apples by hand, to lifting bags of apples and moving pulp into the press.

Ref	Date	Nts	Accommodation	Price
18ATZ205	7th-13th	6	Prattshayes Bunkhouse	£150

## October cont'd

### Ancient woodland coppicing

Sizergh Castle, Cumbria

Spend a week learning rural skills in Sizergh's ancient woodlands. You'll spend a few days learning the woodland management skill of coppicing – a traditional practice of great benefit to wildflowers, birds and butterflies. Then spend two days making a split-hazel hurdle screen to erect around a hide down at Brigsteer wetland before enjoying a session of carving and whittling with the resident coppice worker. The work can be physically challenging, so a good level of fitness will ensure you make the most of your holiday. To see our resident hawfinchs and other birds, don't forget to bring your binoculars.

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Ref	Date	Nts	Accommodation	Price
18JHZ228	13th-20th	7	High Wray Bunkhouse - Acland	£185

### Conservation near the coast

Northumberland Coast, Northumberland

Get stuck into a variety of conservation tasks at one of several properties along the north Northumberland coast. We need your help with tasks such as clearing vegetation, including grassland scrub and path restoration, as well as work on dunes and other coastal habitats.

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Ref	Date	Nts	Accommodation	Price
18GTP155	13th-20th	7	Cragside Bunkhouse	£160

### Photography at Allan Bank

Great Langdale and Grasmere, Cumbria

Combine your passion for photography with conservation work on this holiday. Learn techniques with a professional photographer, looking at lighting, environment and composition in outdoor settings, changing weather and different terrains. You'll also help to maintain beautiful landscapes and important habitats through a variety of conservation tasks at Allan Bank in Grasmere. No previous experience is necessary, just a good level of fitness and a willingness to learn new skills.

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Ref	Date	Nts	Accommodation	Price
18JTC202	13th-20th	7	High Wray Bunkhouse - Longland	£225

### Gardens of Chartwell

Chartwell, Kent

Come along and spend the week among the lakes and gardens of the former home of Sir Winston Churchill. You will enjoy fabulous views of this amazing property and help the gardeners to deliver a project in the formal grounds. We need energetic individuals who will enjoy the outdoors at this ever-popular property.

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Ref	Date	Nts	Accommodation	Price
18BTW135	14th-20th	6	Octavia Hill Bunkhouse	£150

See page 38 for details of your accommodation

### Hedge-laying in the Peak District



Dark Peak Estate, Derbyshire

Come and learn the traditional skill of hedge-laying in the Snake and Derwent valleys and help look after these crucial wildlife corridors. You will use traditional hand tools under the guidance of National Trust rangers. No previous experience is needed but be prepared for variable weather and rough terrain which can make the work physically demanding.

Ref	Date	Nts	Accommodation	Price
18ESZ237	19th-21st	2	Dalehead Bunkhouse	£90

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18KTP206	20th-27th	7	Ysgubor Fawr	£195

### Gorse bashing challenge in North Devon



Croyde, Woolacombe and Mortehoe, Devon

If you are up for a challenge come and help the ranger team clear a block of gorse on a glorious stretch of coast near Woolacombe. The gorse is on a very steep hillside so you will need to be fit and agile to cut and burn the gorse on bonfires – we'll provide the marshmallows.

Ref	Date	Nts	Accommodation	Price
18AYPI58	20th-27th	7	Exmoor Bunkhouse	£175

### Hedgerows, fruit and autumn harvest



Colby Woodland Garden, Pembrokeshire

Help us to bring hedges around the estate back into condition, with traditional hedge-laying techniques, tree planting and fencing and join our garden team in autumn planting throughout the garden. There'll also be fruit from the farmhouse orchard to pick and store, more traditional Welsh apple tree varieties to plant and a wide range of other estate and garden tasks available to keep things varied and interesting!

Ref	Date	Nts	Accommodation	Price
18KHZ254	20th-27th	7	Little Craig-y-Borion	£160

## Traditional coppicing in Stackpole Woods



### Stackpole Estate, Pembrokeshire

Come and help us continue to manage our coppice woodlands the old-fashioned way. You will learn to use traditional tools in this historic method of woodland management and help create a fantastic haven for woodland wildlife. Alongside tree felling and processing into products, you will also have the chance to have a go at some traditional woodland crafts. If you love being out in the woods without a chainsaw in sight, then this is for you.

Ref	Date	Nts	Accommodation	Price
18KTP101	20th-27th	7	Stackpole – Kestrel	£195

## Plant a parterre



### Waddesdon Manor, Buckinghamshire

Waddesdon Manor has one of the finest bedding plants displays in the UK and it is at this time of year that we replace the old with the new, transforming the parterre in just a few days with thousands of bedding plants. This is gardening on a grand scale and is guaranteed to give you great satisfaction when viewing your work from within the manor. There is an opportunity to enjoy Waddesdon's history with a garden and manor tour.

Ref	Date	Nts	Accommodation	Price
18BSWI29	21st-24th	3	Chilterns Bunkhouse	£95

## October cont'd

## The hills are alive



### Ashridge Estate, Hertfordshire

Welcome winter in by helping us undertake key management on the Ashridge Estate. You will undertake work in both the woodland and downland habitats and gain an insight into the work of a National Trust ranger. Your work will help the rare species of butterflies and flowers on the Ashridge Estate.

Ref	Date	Nts	Accommodation	Price
18BSP194	26th-28th	2	Chilterns Bunkhouse	£90

## October/November

## Halloween family fun



### Dinefwr, Carmarthenshire

Come along and help the teams at Dinefwr Park and Dolaucothi Gold Mines to deliver a spooktastic Halloween full of ghosts and ghouls, pumpkins and crafts. We will be going pumpkin mad and carving over 800 pumpkins with the young at heart of all ages, from 2 to 92, so if you like getting crafty and want to help a child make a magical memory then we would love you to join us.

Ref	Date	Nts	Accommodation	Price
18KTU120	25th-1st	7	Dinefwr Bunkhouse	£160

## Gardening at the Towers

### Millbeck Towers, Cumbria



We are once again running a working holiday concentrating on the continued restoration of the huge garden at Millbeck Towers holiday cottage. Continuing to work to the ten-year plan, we hope to restore the gardens to their former glory for all to enjoy.

Ref	Date	Nts	Accommodation	Price
18JHW167	26th-2nd	7	Millbeck Towers Holiday Cottage	£175

## Hazel, holly and horses



### West Exmoor, Devon

Our West Exmoor estate incorporates some of the Trust's largest woodlands in the South West and needs careful management to preserve its unique character and beauty. This year we'll be trialling traditional horse logging techniques, ensuring that our woodland management is effective, truly sustainable and low impact. Join our ranger team to learn how this ancient skill translates into up-to-date techniques, and help us coppice hazel, clear holly and check out fungi in the glorious autumn woods.

Ref	Date	Nts	Accommodation	Price
18ADQ284	28th-4th	7	Exmoor Bunkhouse	£160

## November

## Shedding light on the woodland floor



### Slindon Estate, West Sussex

Experience the glorious colour of the Slindon Estate in autumn, while helping to manage its pockets of woodland, tucked in the South Downs. At this crisp time of year, we will be coppicing for hedging products and for wildlife – including our strong dormice population. Enjoy the feeling of a day in the woods with the smell of wood smoke and return to the bunkhouse to warm up by the log burner.

Ref	Date	Nts	Accommodation	Price
18BTP274	3rd-10th	7	Slindon Bunkhouse	£160

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18ATP103	4th-9th	5	South Shore Lodge	£165



## Tree planting in Upper Wharfedale



### Upper Wharfedale, North Yorkshire

Help to bring nature back to the fells high above Wharfedale. You'll be planting trees in a remote location, which will require some uphill walking and working on steep and uneven ground. It'll be worth it though as you'll be surrounded by magnificent views over hay meadows, woodland and wide expanses of moorland.

Ref	Date	Nts	Accommodation	Price
18GSZ189	9th-11th	2	Town Head Barn	£90

## Hedge-laying



### South Lakes Countryside, Cumbria

Hedge-laying is a task undertaken approximately every ten years. A well-laid hedge not only looks good but helps to encourage new growth and provides an important habitat for a wealth of small birds, mammals and insects. Using a combination of traditional hand tools and teamwork we'll end up with a lovely hedge and a great sense of satisfaction by the end of the week. No previous experience necessary, just a good level of fitness and a willingness to learn new skills.

Ref	Date	Nts	Accommodation	Price
18JTZ213	10th-17th	7	High Wray Bunkhouse - Acland	£160

## Hedge-laying Arlington Style



### Arlington Court, Devon

Come and join the Arlington Estate rangers in a week-long traditional holiday of hedge-laying, learning or enhancing your knowledge of this traditional skill. Using specialist hand tools, you will be helping us to restore these overlooked but very important wildlife corridors, rich in life and character. You will be working in a spectacular location with views of the mansion which you will be able to enjoy looking around on your day off.

Ref	Date	Nts	Accommodation	Price
18ATZ261	10th-17th	7	Exmoor Bunkhouse	£160

## Scrub up for butterflies



### Cissbury Ring, West Sussex

Join the ranger at the largest Iron Age hill fort in Sussex with its spectacular views and help to improve the habitat of the 28 species of butterfly found at Cissbury Ring. By removing scrub and old fence lines from the ramparts, you will also play an important part in preserving the remains of Neolithic flint mines.

Ref	Date	Nts	Accommodation	Price
18BTP126	10th-17th	7	Slindon Bunkhouse	£160

## Deck the halls! Christmas crafts

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### Killerton House, Devon

Help the staff at this lovely Georgian mansion to prepare for Christmas. Part of the week will be spent working outside with the wardens, gathering the raw materials to use as Christmas decorations. You can then use the foliage you have collected to decorate the stable block and house in a traditional style. No experience is needed as tuition will be given. Your new skills can be put to good use back in your own home. Expert tuition will be provided by Sarah Pepper of Country Cottage Crafts.

Ref	Date	Nts	Accommodation	Price
18BTX271	11th-18th	7	Prattshayes Bunkhouse	£190



## Hedge-laying for the future

**SOLD OUT**

### West Lakes, Cumbria

Spend a few days learning traditional Cumberland hedge-laying in the western Lakes. A well-laid hedge not only looks good but encourages new growth and provides an important habitat for small birds, mammals and insects, so it is a vital task that we undertake around every ten years. Using traditional hand tools, you will be doing the first lay of one of the hedges on the wonderfully wooded Nether Wasdale Estate. No previous experience is necessary, just a good level of fitness, a willingness to learn new skills and a sense of humour.

Ref	Date	Nts	Accommodation	Price
18JSP147	12th-16th	4	Wasdale Annexe	£115

## Come and be a ranger for a weekend



### Cliveden Estate, Buckinghamshire

Throughout its 357-year history Cliveden has been a glittering hub of society, hosting exclusive parties and political gatherings. Now, Cliveden cordially welcomes you to spend a weekend helping the ranger team around the estate. With mile upon mile of paths, many acres of woodland and over 400,000 visitors a year, there is always plenty to do and see. This working weekend offers the chance to see behind the scenes at Cliveden and promises to be yet another great social occasion at this site of great historic value.

Ref	Date	Nts	Accommodation	Price
18BSP267	16th-18th	2	Chilterns Bunkhouse	£90

## Cumberland hedge-laying



### Wasdale, Cumbria

Spend a week in the stunning western Lakes learning traditional Cumberland hedge-laying. A well-laid hedge not only looks good but encourages new growth and provides an important habitat for small birds, mammals and insects, so it is a vital task that we undertake around every ten years. Using traditional hand tools, you will be doing the first lay of some of the hedges on the wonderfully wooded Nether Wasdale Estate. No previous experience is necessary, just a good level of fitness and a willingness to learn new skills.

Ref	Date	Nts	Accommodation	Price
18JTZ249	17th-24th	7	Wasdale Annexe	£160

## Woodland and wildlife



### Colby Woodland Garden, Pembrokeshire

Help us to improve recently planted woodlands on fields taken out of intensive farming, planting a wide variety of native species to expand native woodland and link up wildlife-rich habitats. Working in the old woodland alongside staff and other volunteers, you'll also help us to manage older woodland, selecting the best of the older trees and creating the glades and spaces around them that will help them to become the ancient trees of the future. There will be other habitat improvement and access work across the estate and a wide range of other estate and garden tasks available to keep things varied and interesting!

Ref	Date	Nts	Accommodation	Price
18KHZ253	17th-24th	7	Little Craig-y-Borion	£160

## Emmetts' garden



### Emmetts Garden, Kent

Emmetts is an Edwardian garden owned by the Lubbock family who developed it into a specimen garden with exotic and rare plants. Located on the Greensand Ridge, it boasts fabulous views across the Weald. You will be undertaking seasonal tasks and projects to enhance and bring the garden back to its former glory. No experience is necessary, just a willingness to learn.

Ref	Date	Nts	Accommodation	Price
18BTW133	18th-24th	6	Octavia Hill Bunkhouse	£150

## Mountains and trees



### Dyffryn Mymbyr, Snowdonia, Gwynedd

Grab a spade and spend three days planting native trees in one of Wales's most iconic valleys, whilst staying at Dyffryn Mymbyr Farmhouse – a beautiful holiday cottage with stunning views of Snowdon and the surrounding mountains. Due to the rough and steep terrain, you must be physically fit for this holiday.

Ref	Date	Nts	Accommodation	Price
18KHP244	19th-23rd	4	Dyffryn Mymbyr Farmhouse	£155

## Dinefwr traditional Christmas fair

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### Dinefwr, Carmarthenshire

Come and help the team at Dinefwr Park deliver a cracking Christmas fair. The house will be decorated for the coming festivities and packed full of stalls. There will be lots to do, from helping our stall holders in and out and serving mulled wine and mince pies to greeting our visitors and helping to make a magical memory in Santa's Grotto. It will be a full-on week of hard work and fun and we can't do it without you.

Ref	Date	Nts	Accommodation	Price
18KTU119	22nd-29th	7	Dinefwr Bunkhouse	£160



## Hedge-laying taster



Golden Cap, Dorset

Hedge-laying is an ancient rural skill that has been used to preserve Dorset hedgerows for centuries. Come and join us for a weekend of hedge-laying to get a taster of how to do it and learn the basic skills behind this rural craft under the expert guidance of our award-winning rangers.

Ref	Date	Nts	Accommodation	Price
18ASZ222	23rd-25th	2	Stonebarrow Bunkhouse	£90