

MSBNTV Task Programme

Sunday 13 March Runnymede

NT warden: Colin Bayes

Map Ref: 176: TQ7720

Task leader: Phillipa Grimstone

We'll be hedge-planting (we obviously didn't do enough work last time ...)

Directions: Follow the A308 to a large roundabout near to the M25. Take the 4th exit and follow the A30 signs to Camberley (not Staines or Hounslow). At the next roundabout take the 4th exit (double back on yourself) and slowly pass a white Ferrari garage on your left. Immediately past the garage, turn left into Coopers Hill Lane. Langham Farm is just along this lane, and we will park in the yard.

Sunday 3 April Watlington Hill

Task Leader: Thomas Shepherd

NT Warden: Jerry Page

Map Ref: 175: 709 936

The task will either be scrub clearance or path widening (scalloping to get an irregular width), though we'll apparently have to keep an eye out for possible nesting birds ... A joint task with Reading NTV.

Directions: From Junction 5 of the M40, head west on the A40. After about a mile, take the first turning on the left to Christmas Common. After 3 miles, turn right towards Watlington. The NT car park is on the left, a few hundred yards down this road.

Sunday 24 April Great Tinkers Wood

Task Leader: Iain Bell

Warden: Martin Barnett

Map Ref: 165: 950 827

This wood is near Hughenden Manor. It needs a good spring clean.

Directions: We'll be meeting at Hughenden Manor, and then going to the wood. Head north from High Wycombe on the A4128 for 1½ miles (towards Prestwood). The entrance, on the left, is sign-posted. We'll meet in the car park by the church.

Sunday 15 May Waddesdon Manor

Task Leader: John Bedford

NT Warden: Paul Farnell

Map Ref: 165: 734 167

As spring changes inevitably into summer, so the bedding must inevitably change at Waddesdon ...

Directions: Enter the property by the main gate in Waddesdon village, on the A41, six miles northwest of Aylesbury on the Bicester road. We meet in the NT Car Park before the slope going down to the stables.

Sunday 5 June Pinkney's Green Brickyard

Task Leader: Emma Waterfield

NT Warden: Curly Carver

Map Ref: 175: 863 832

The seat with a roof is rapidly becoming like Neil's kissing gates ... But we might install it this time! Otherwise we may be resurfacing the paths.

Directions: From Maidenhead, take the A308 north towards Marlow. After about 2 miles, just beyond the National Speed Limit sign, turn right (signposted Winter Hill). After approx. ¼ mile, turn right down Malders Lane, and after 100 yards turn right through the gates.

From Marlow and the A404, take the A308 towards Maidenhead at the Bisham roundabout. Turn sharp left about ¼ mile after passing the Golden Ball PH on the left (signposted Winter Hill). Then follow the directions as above.

17-19 June Dalehead Basecamp, Edale

Task Leader: Phillipa Grimstone

A weekend away, with one day's work (unknown at time of writing), and a day to explore the area.

Directions: Further details will be provided to those going.

Sunday 3 July Bradenham Estate

Task Leader: Mark Foxwell

NT Warden: Matt Shrimpton

Map Ref: 165: 828 972

Footpath maintenance is a possibility for this task. Reading NTV will be helping us.

Directions: From the A40 at West Wycombe, take the A4010 north. After 1½ miles, turn right into Bradenham village. Meet by the Youth Hostel, 500m up this road on the left.

Sunday 24 July Hogback Wood

Task Leader: tbc

NT Warden: Richard Courtier

Map Ref.: OS Landranger 175 GR 929 913

This is a new property for us. We'll be clearing encroaching hazel and dogwood scrub
From M40 J2, take A355, then A40 into (old) Beaconsfield. On A40, turn right at 2nd roundabout towards (new) Beaconsfield. After ¾ mile, cross over railway on a bridge, and take next (sharp) left in Baring Road. Follow this road until it starts to bend right, then turn left into Woodside Road. Hogback Wood is at the end of this road, and we'll park in the road.

Sunday 14 August Cliveden

Task Leader: Richard Quantrill

NT Warden: Jodie Mills/Alex Livingstone

Map Ref: 175: 912 852

The Cliveden gardeners quite like cherry laurel, but even they can have too much of a good thing ... Come and help them manage it.

Directions: Cliveden is signposted from the A4 Maidenhead - Slough road. Coming from Maidenhead, go over the bridge, and turn left immediately before a garage. From Slough, turn right. Follow this road through Taplow, then for a further 2½ miles or so. The entrance archway is opposite The Feathers pub. Go through the archway, and follow the drive for ¼ mile to the public car park, signposted on the right.

Sunday 4 September Coombe Hill

Warden: Jerry Page

Task leader: Nick Kosanovic

Work: A special task to install the seats and gate bought with group funds.

Directions: Meet in Coombe Hill car park (at the top of the hill). The best approach is from Butlers Cross near Ellesborough between Wendover & Princes Risborough. From Princes Risborough turn right (from Wendover left) along the side of the Chequers estate. Then after ¾ mile take the left turn (uphill) towards Dunsmore. Carry on up this road for approx. 1/2 mile, carrying straight on when the road forks (not to the right), and you will find the car park.