

Friends of Houghton Hall Park



Take part in valuable conservation work in the park one Sunday a month!

22nd January 10:00 – 13:30

West Woodland Management

Work to reduce the populations of Box and self-set trees in the Western Woodland. Increasing light to the woodland floor and promoting wildflower displays.

19th February 10:00 - 13:30

Parkland Tree Crown Lifting

Help to make management of the Wildflower Meadows more efficient. Improve access for grass cutting machinery as well as improving the aesthetic value of the trees and the Meadow as a whole

19th March 10:00 – 13:30

Tree & Scrub Margin Planting

Plant up nearly half a square kilometre with a variety of tree species to create additional habitats within the park.

16th April 10:00 – 13:30

Park Wide Litter Pick

A thorough and satisfying cleanse of the Park. Removing litter that poses a threat to wildlife as well as spoiling our enjoyment of the space.

28th May 10:00 – 13:30

Comfrey and Hogweed Control

A cut and clear of these vigorous species present in the Wildflower Meadows. Slowing their spread and creating an opportunity for the meadow to re-establish.

25th June 10:00 – 13:30

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23rd July 10:00 – 13:30

Overgrowth Management

Check establish paths and desire lines for encroaching vegetation and removing as necessary to improve access and aesthetic quality.

20th August 10:00 – 13:30

Tree Sapling Removal.

Remove saplings of woody species from the newly seeded meadow extensions to prevent scrub succession and the degradation of this new grassland habitat.

17th September 10:00 – 13:30

Lime Tree Epicormic Growth Cut

Give the Lime trees adjacent to the car park their annual “short back and sides”. This practice betters the aesthetic of the entrance to the park and well as stopping the growth getting beyond the point of straight forward management.

29th October 10:00 – 13:30

Nest Box Survey

Checking the Nest Boxes installed in the park once the nesting season has concluded. Monitoring which Boxes have been occupied and determining what by as well as checking for any repairs necessary.

26th November 10:00 – 13:30

Hazel Coppicing

Continue upon previous efforts to enhance the Parks woodlands by carrying out this historic management technique. Improve woodland wildflower diversity and woodland age structure.

10th December 10:00 – 13:30

Hazel Coppicing and Christmas Celebration

Keep an age old woodland management practice alive by carrying out Hazel Coppicing in the Park. Also, enjoy hot drinks and Mince Pies courtesy of the Ranger before we take our Christmas Break from the schedule!

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