

Surrey Countryside Partnerships



The Surrey Countryside Partnerships ensure local people make a significant contribution to managing our local countryside. The Downlands, Lower Mole and Heathland Partnerships cover a large area and are responsible for carrying out a range of practical management across Surrey, especially on chalk grassland, lowland heaths and native woodlands.

Our vision is to deliver a flexible and responsive county-wide shared countryside management service, working across boundaries and providing exceptional value for money.

www.surreycc.gov.uk/surreycountrysidepartnerships

The Partnerships Team is core funded by Surrey County Council, 3 London Boroughs, 8 Surrey Boroughs and Districts, City of London and the Whitgift Foundation. Also, The Downlands Trust and Lower Mole Countryside Trust assist by raising funds for the Partnerships to help them carry out a range of projects.

The majority of the practical management is carried out by a dedicated team of volunteers. They undertake a huge programme of habitat management, landscape enhancements and access improvements across Surrey.

Volunteer Task Programme Spring 2019

The **Downlands Partnership** volunteers carry out practical work in the countryside in North East Surrey, Croydon & Sutton to enhance and maintain the natural beauty of our area. We rely on you to help us achieve these aims. If you have time on your hands this spring and are aged over 16, why not give us a try? Please come and join us on one of our work days listed on the next few pages.

Sanderstead to Whyteleafe CA Events

As Sarah will be off for a number of weeks we will be running SWCA Volunteer Tasks on some Mondays only. Please call to check on 01883 341140.

Sunday 7 April

Spring Woodland Detective Explorers in Ainsley Berry Shaw

Join the Countryside Warden at Tandridge Gardens at 10:30am for a 1-2 hour stroll to explore what was once a much larger ancient woodland.

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Sunday 9 June

Summer breeze. 1 ½ hour walk around SWCA, meet at Dunmail Drive at 10:00am.

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April	SITE AND TASK	MEETING PLACE
Tues 2 nd	Manor Park	Bottom car park in Burntwood Lane, Caterham TQ 345572
Wed 3 rd	Thinning of young trees and invasives removal in a corner of this delightful park.	
Thur 4 th		
Tue 9 th	Hooley Meadows	Entrance by 77 Maple Way CR5 3RL TQ 287568
Wed 10 th	Some small scrub work at this attractive hidden away site.	
Thur 11 th		
Tue 16 th	Chipstead Downs	Behind the Ramblers Rest, Outwood Lane, CR5 3NP TQ 273575
Wed 17 th	Fencing, signs etc. repairing the infrastructure around the fields and woods.	
Thur 18 th		
Tue 23 rd	Workshop day	Depot - Park Rd, Caterham Whyteleafe Rec - Hillbury Rd Main car park off Shirley Hills Road, CR0 5RF
Wed 24 th	SWCA with Fidelity*	
Thur 25 th	Addington Hills with Fidelity*	
	<i>*Staff from Fidelity International, Kingswood office are joining in over two days to celebrate Earth Week 2019 & Keep Britain Tidy's #GBSpringClean month. Downlands Trust is Fidelity's "Our Environment" local charity partner for 2019-2020.</i>	
May		
Tue 30 th April	Caterham Viewpoint	Tupwood Scrubs Road/ Gravelly Hill TQ 343534
Wed 1 st	Some after care work to keep undesirable species in check as the site continues to improve.	
Thurs 2 nd		
Tue 7 th	Hutchinsons Bank	Far end of Farleigh Dean Crescent, Addington CR3 9AD TQ 379619
Wed 8 th	Small scrub work on the butterfly rich slopes of this site	
Thur 9 th		
Tue 14 th	Addington Hills	Chinese restaurant car park off Shirley Hills Rd, CR0 5RF TQ 353643
Wed 15 th	Removal of young trees growing amongst the heather	
Thur 16 th		
Tue 21 st	North Downs Way	Near A22 end of Tupwood Lane Caterham TQ 346537
Wed 22 nd	Step replacement and vegetation control, continuing the sprucing up already started	
Thur 23 rd		
Tue 28 th	Chipstead Downs	Holly Lane car park TQ 583274
Wed 29 th	Fencing, signs etc. (see April)	
Thur 30 th		
June		
Tue 4 th	Chipstead Downs	As above
Wed 5 th	Fencing, signs etc (see April)	
Thur 6 th		

Tue 11 th	Ragwort removal We will be pulling this plant from a variety of sites to reduce its dominance and contamination of the hay crop.	Ring for location
Wed 12 th		
Thur 13 th		
Tue 18 th	Plant monitoring A chance to see our site in full bloom and the results of our labour, with our yearly monitoring visits. 18 th Nork Park & Hooley Meadows 19 th Long Hill & Foxley Woods 20 th Caterham Viewpoint & Manor Park	18 th – Car park, The Drive (Nork) SM7 1DN
Wed 19 th		19 th – Bridleway (off Long Hill (Woldingham) CR3 7DA
Thur 20 th		20 th – see 30 th May
Tue 25 th Wed 26 th Thur 27 th	Plant monitoring - Continued 25 th Featherbed Lane Verge & Salt Box Hill 26 th Hutchinsons Bank & Chapel Bank 27 th Chipstead Downs	25 th & 26 th see 7 th May (except 25 th will be near end of Farleigh Dean Crescent) 27 th – Same as 16 th April

Next Programme starts on the 2nd July 2019



Monday Tasks with Sarah Clifford

Sarah Clifford, the Sanderstead to Whyteleafe Countryside Area (SWCA) Warden, who is a part of the Downlands Partnership Team, runs tasks every Monday and some Sundays on sites in the Sanderstead to Whyteleafe area.

If you would like more information on these tasks and would like to come along and help Sarah, please give her a call at the Depot on **01883 341140** or on **07771 715812**.

Please note: From April until July we will not be able to run volunteer tasks days every Monday at SWCA so please phone check which Mondays are going ahead.

Volunteer Information

All tasks are led by trained leaders who will instruct you on the day's activities. All tasks start at 10:00 at the meeting point and finish at 16:00 at the latest, but any time that you can give is most appreciated. Please wear appropriate clothing with regard to the work and weather and stout footwear. There are regular tea breaks for which we provide refreshments but please bring a packed lunch if staying all day. We provide all tools, protective clothing and instruction to ensure you have an enjoyable day.

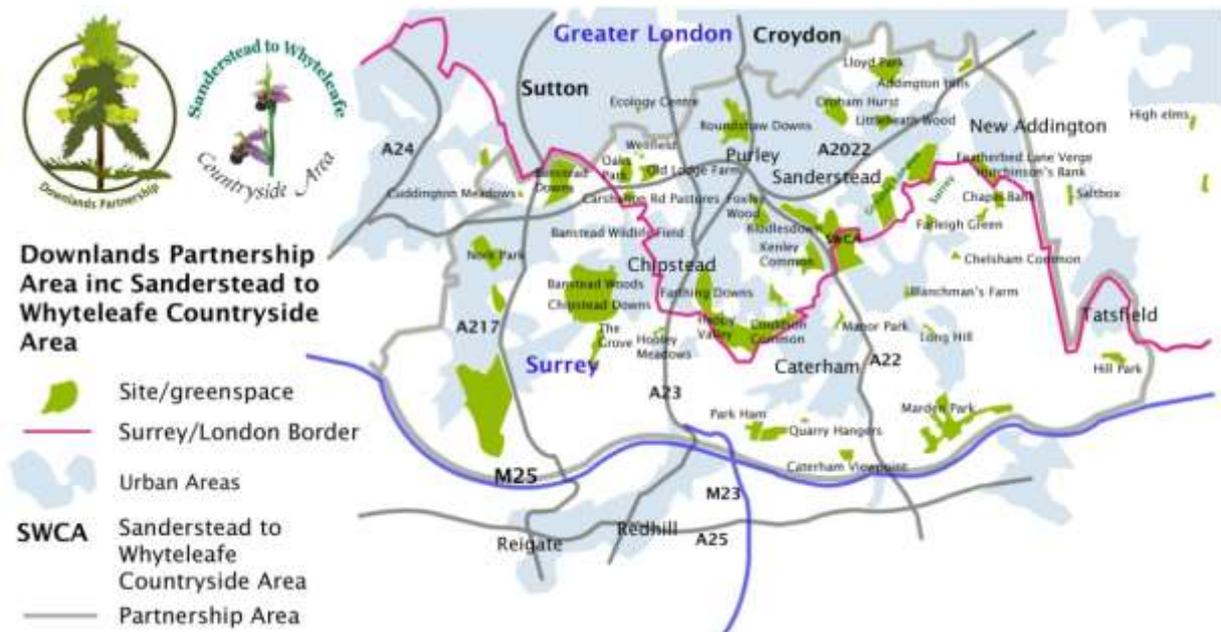
Safety Advice

The terrain can be uneven and slippery. Please wear sensible footwear. Please follow task leader's instructions, who are all qualified First Aiders, as the safety of volunteers and the wider public is our priority. All volunteers are covered by SCC public liability insurance. Due

to the nature of the work there is a low risk of some illnesses. It is recommended your Tetanus jab is up to date and you are aware of Weil's disease (stagnant water), Lyme's disease (ticks) and Sepsis (blood poisoning). Please ask a task leader if you require more info or visit www.nhs.uk

What you get out of it

The chance to learn new skills and countryside crafts; We often run courses for volunteers and there are opportunities to get training in a range of skills from habitat management and wildlife surveys to power tools and First Aid. Volunteering helps you meet like-minded people and help your local countryside. Volunteering is a great way to get experience if you are seeking a career in Countryside.



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