**Become a ‘Conservation Volunteer’**

As a conservation volunteer you won’t get paid but you will spend time outdoors, improve your well-being, meet new friends, learn new skills and make a difference to wildlife and the community! There are many different local groups crying out for new helpers - here are just a few!

You will need to have some time to spare, an average level of health and mobility, a willing spirit, practical clothing and shoes for working outside and some refreshments or a packed lunch to keep you going. A good pair of gloves would be helpful. Training and Tools will be provided.

**The Friends of Littleheath Woods - Weekly Working Parties Volunteers**

Work Parties every *Tuesday* morning throughout the year. There are jobs to suit everyone whatever their ability or capability. Please contact Chris Hyde - 020 8651 4914 or [www.folw.co.uk/the-friends.php](http://www.folw.co.uk/the-friends.php)

**The Friends of Selsdon Wood – Practical Work Day Volunteers**

Work Days on the first & last *Sunday* of every month from October to March and the first Sunday only for the remaining months. Meet promptly 10am, car park off Old Farleigh Road. Choose tasks which suit your strengths and abilities andwork for as long as suits you. Children (under parental supervision) are welcome. Contact Ted Forsyth tedforsyth@btinternet.com or tel: 8651 0558 or

 [www.friendsofselsdonwood.co.uk/workdays.php](http://www.friendsofselsdonwood.co.uk/workdays.php)

**Croydon’s Environment team - Weekly Volunteer Task Days**

*Every Wednesday and Thursday* in different parks and woodlands in and around Croydon. Meet at the worksite at 9.45am or meet the minibus at 9.30am outside the Crown Court on Altyre Road opp. Croydon Park Hotel. Finish 4pm (minibus returns by 4.30pm.) Tea and coffee provided. The tasks change as needs arise but may involve jobs such as clearing scrub or coppicing at places such as Happy Valley or Selsdon Wood etc. Web: [www.tcv.org.uk/london/croydon](http://www.tcv.org.uk/london/croydon) Peter Underwood, **Tel**: 020 8686 4993, **Mobile** (on project days): 07801 686 041 **Email**: volunteer-croydon@tcv.org.uk

**Croydon Ponds Project – Join the team**

The Conservation Volunteers group is working with local people to research the ecology and history of Croydon’s many public ponds. This Heritage Lottery Funded project aims to help connect people with their local ponds, update and improve existing knowledge of them, and ensure they are effectively cared for long into the future. They are looking for volunteers to help with ecological surveys, archive research and practical conservation work. No previous experience is necessary. Contact Adam Asquith, Tel: 020 8686 4993 **Email**: volunteer-croydon@tcv.org.uk

**Bramley Bank practical nature conservation volunteers**

The London Wildlife Trust undertake a range of practical conservation activities at a range of sites throughout the year including grassland and scrub management, maintaining footpaths and fences, rebuilding steps, mowing, and tree management. All volunteers must be aged 16 and over. 16 and 17 year olds need parental consent unless they are in employment. (Expenses can be provided if required for travel within London and for a lunch of under £5.) You will need to complete a compulsory registration form and state any relevant medical conditions.

For general queries about volunteering: volunteering@wildlondon.org.uk. Or call Shaun Marriott on 07710 194 268 or email smarriott@wildlondon.org.uk. or
 [www.wildlondon.org.uk/reserves/bramley-bank](http://www.wildlondon.org.uk/reserves/bramley-bank)

**Heathfield Ecology Centre - Nature Conservation Volunteers**

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| Volunteers are needed every *Tuesday and Friday* and on every first and third *Sundays* of every month. From 10:30 to about 15:30 in the Winter, and a little later as the weather warms up. On Tuesdays and Fridays, bring a packed lunch with you. On the first or third Sundays of the month full day helpers will be provided with a free hot vegetarian meal. Website <http://croydon-ecology.org.uk/> or phone on 07919 652 723 or email warden@croydon-ecology.org.uk**The Friends of Croham Hurst Woods – Work Day Volunteers**Work days start at 10.00 am on the last *Saturday* of the month (except August and December). Please contact Maria Gatland maria.gatland@croydon.gov.uk. You can work for as long as it suits you but usually we finish by lunch  <https://friendsofcrohamhurstwoods.com/work-days/>**Friends of King’s Wood**The Group meets every Tuesday morning to look after the 65 hectares of ancient oak woodland. Much work has been done to eradicate invasive species such as laurel and they have reintroduced a coppice programme for hazel. The group organises guided walks and talks for the public, carries out wildlife surveys and maintains a Nature Trail.friendsofkingswood@hotmail.co.uk Contact - Pam Flouch - 020 8657 6302*(Correct at 2019- Please get in contact with any updates)* |