

## Task Days Programme - June to December 2018

KTAT Knighton Tree Allotments Trust is a voluntary organisation that manages woodlands for the benefit of wildlife and our members. In coming together to share and learn woodland skills, we aim to manage woodland sustainably and to allow our members access to affordable woodland products - such as firewood and timber. This is our programme of task days for June to December 2018.



It is a common misconception that unmanaged woodland is always best for wildlife. In fact, different species have different needs. By managing woodlands through traditional practices such as coppicing, we can make woodlands more open and benefit a range of flowering plants, birds, insects and other species. In ensuring that the trees that we fell for fuel or timber are re-grown or replaced with new plants, we are creating a sustainable supply of woodland products.

Trees need to be coppiced (cut back almost to ground level then re-grown) or felled when they are dormant and we need to be careful not to disturb nesting birds. For these reasons, most woodland work is carried out in autumn and winter. Summer is a time of clearing up from our winter work, keeping newly planted trees free from weeds and cutting cordwood (4 foot long pieces of wood) into logs.

Volunteers work at their own pace and KTAT provides all the tools and training needed. We go out to various local woodlands one day a week, usually alternating between Thursdays and Sundays, and volunteers choose how much of the day to stay for. So come and learn new skills while helping wildlife.

### **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June – 9.30am to approximately 2.30pm**

Extracting cordwood (4' lengths of wood) from the woodland and cutting it into logs. The cordwood will be cut to log length using a chainsaw, with larger diameter pieces also split with axes. The logs will be stacked onto pallets, and a cover placed on top, to continue the seasoning process.

### **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June – 9.30am to approximately 2.30pm**

Extracting cordwood (4' lengths of wood) from the woodland and cutting it into logs. Please see Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June for details.

### **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July – 9.30am to approximately 2.30pm**

Extracting cordwood (4' lengths of wood) from the woodland and cutting it into logs. Please see Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June for details.

### **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July – 9.30am to approximately 2.30pm**

Extracting cordwood (4' lengths of wood) from the woodland and cutting it into logs. Please see Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June for details.

### **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – 9.30am to approximately 2.30pm**

We will be cutting cordwood (4' lengths of smaller diameter wood) and rounds (sections of trunk and larger branches) into logs and then stacking them to continue the seasoning process.

### **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> July – 9.30am to approximately 2.30pm**

Extracting cordwood (4' lengths of wood) from the woodland and cutting it into logs. Please see Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June for details.

### **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> August – 9.30am to approximately 2.30pm**

Extracting cordwood (4' lengths of wood) from the woodland and cutting it into logs. Please see Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June for details.

**Please note that there are no other task days in August.**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September – 9.30am to approximately 2.30pm**

Thinning birch trees in this young woodland. Now that the nesting season is over we can reduce the number of birch trees to favour the hazel coppice and the other trees in the wood - oak, rowan, beech, willow and ash. We do not want the birch to grow back so we can cut them when they are in leaf. The birch will be felled, cut to cordwood and extracted to start the seasoning process.

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September – 9.30am to approximately 2.30pm**

Thinning birch trees in this young woodland. Please see Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September for details.

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September – 9.30am to approximately 2.30pm**

Thinning birch trees in this young woodland. Please see Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September for details.

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September – 9.30am to approximately 2.30pm**

Thinning birch trees in this young woodland. Please see Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September for details.

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September – 9.30am to approximately 2.30pm**

Thinning birch trees in this young woodland. Please see Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September for details.

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October – 9.30am to approximately 2.30pm**

Coppicing hazel trees in this young woodland. By cutting the trees back to almost ground level we can harvest a crop of wood products and encourage trees to vigorously re-grow from the remaining stool – ready for future harvests. By coppicing a different part of the woodland each year we will be increasing the variety of habitats and allowing more light to the woodland floor in the areas that we cut. We are also thinning birch trees to favour the hazel coppice and the other trees in the wood - oak, rowan, beech, willow and ash.

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October – 9.30am to approximately 2.30pm**

Coppicing hazel trees and thinning birch trees. Please see Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October for details.

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October – 9.30am to approximately 2.30pm**

Coppicing hazel trees and thinning birch trees. Please see Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October for details.

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October – 9.30am to approximately 2.30pm**

Coppicing hazel trees and thinning birch trees. Please see Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October for details.

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November – 9.30am to approximately 2.30pm**

Coppicing hazel trees and thinning birch trees. Please see Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October for details.

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November – 9.30am to approximately 2.30pm**

Coppicing hazel trees and thinning birch trees. Please see Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October for details.

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November – 9.30am to approximately 2.30pm**

Coppicing hazel trees and thinning birch trees. Please see Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October for details.

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November – 9.30am to approximately 2.30pm**

Coppicing hazel trees and thinning birch trees. Please see Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October for details.

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November – 9.30am to approximately 2.30pm**

Coppicing hazel trees and thinning birch trees. Please see Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October for details.

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December – 9.30am to approximately 2.30pm**

Coppicing hazel trees and thinning birch trees. Please see Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October for details.

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December – 9.30am to approximately 2.30pm**

Coppicing hazel trees and thinning birch trees. Please see Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October for details.

**Please note that these dates are subject to change and that factors such as bad weather can prevent task days from going ahead. We also sometimes need to adjust the programme to meet the requirements of volunteers and woodland owners.**

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