

Task Day Programme – July to September 2020

Knighton Community Woodlands Group 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 July to September 2020.



Please note that this programme is subject to change – always contact us before going to a wood to ensure that a task day is going ahead as planned.

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 work on trees 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 we provide 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 19th July – 9.30am to approximately 2.30pm

On our first day back, we will be setting things up to allow us to work safely under the Covid 19 restrictions. Once this is done, we will be cutting cordwood to log length using a chainsaw, with larger diameter logs also being split with axes. The logs will be stacked onto pallets, and a cover placed on top, to continue the seasoning process.

Thursday 23rd July – 9.30am to approximately 2.30pm

We will be cutting cordwood to log length using a chainsaw, with larger diameter logs also being split with axes. The logs will be stacked onto pallets, and a cover placed on top, to continue the seasoning process.

Sunday 2nd August – 9.30am to approximately 2.30pm

We will be cutting cordwood into logs. Please see Thursday 23rd July for details.

Thursday 6th August – 9.30am to approximately 2.30pm

We will be weeding around the young trees to make sure that grass, brambles, etc., do not take water and nutrients from the trees.

Sunday 16th August – 9.30am to approximately 2.30pm

We will be cutting cordwood into logs. Please see Thursday 23rd July for details.

Thursday 20th August – 9.30am to approximately 2.30pm

We will be cutting cordwood into logs. Please see Thursday 23rd July for details.

Sunday 30th August – 9.30am to approximately 2.30pm

We will be cutting cordwood into logs. Please see Thursday 23rd July for details.

Thursday 3rd September – 9.30am to approximately 2.30pm

We will be cutting cordwood to log length using a chainsaw, with larger diameter logs also being split with axes. The logs will be stacked onto pallets, and a cover placed on top, to continue the seasoning process. We will also start to thin birch trees in order to favour other species.

Sunday 13th September – 9.30am to approximately 2.30pm

We will be cutting cordwood into logs and thinning birch trees. Please see Thursday 3rd September for details.

Thursday 17th September – 9.30am to approximately 2.30pm

We will be cutting cordwood into logs and thinning birch trees. Please see Thursday 3rd September for details.

Sunday 27th September – 9.30am to approximately 2.30pm

We will be cutting cordwood into logs and thinning birch trees. Please see Thursday 3rd September for details.

For more information please contact woodland@tveg.org.uk or 01547 520374

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