

## Task Day Programme – October 2021 to March 2022

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 manage woodland sustainably and allow our members access to affordable woodland products, such as firewood and timber.



Trees need to be coppiced (cut back almost to ground level then re-grown), felled or planted when they are dormant. 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 cutting cordwood (4-foot-long pieces of wood) into logs, preparing for winter work, making charcoal and weeding around newly planted trees.

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!

---

At this time of the year, we are concentrating solely on harvesting through coppicing hazel and thinning trees (i.e. reducing their number). By coppicing hazel trees we are harvesting a crop of wood products and encouraging trees to vigorously re-grow from the remaining stool – ready for future harvests. By coppicing a different part of the woodland each year, we are increasing the variety of habitats and allowing more light to the woodland floor in the areas that we cut. We are also thinning some trees to favour others – for example the hazel coppice – and to increase the diversity of trees in a wood. **Please note that this programme is subject to change, especially with Covid, so always contact us before going to a wood to ensure that a task day is going ahead as planned.**

All of the following task days are going to be spent on coppicing and thinning at one of our woodlands and extracting the woodland products. The timber will be stacked for seasoning. We will also be developing our charcoal making project. All task days will run from 9.30am to approximately 2.30pm.

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021**

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021**

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021**

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021 – 9.30am to approximately 2.30pm**

Planting trees in thinned areas of the wood to increase the diversity of species and the planting density of saplings.

We are then back to coppicing and thinning, as described above, for the following dates:

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January**

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2022**

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022**

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

For more information, please contact [woodland@tveg.org.uk](mailto:woodland@tveg.org.uk) or 01547 520374

<http://tveg.org.uk/wordpress/woodland-project>