

Task Day Programme – October 2024 to March 2025

Knighton Community Woodlands Group 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 manage woodland sustainably and allow our members access to affordable woodland products, such as firewood, timber and charcoal.



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 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 on harvesting (through coppicing hazel and thinning trees - i.e. reducing their number) and charcoal making. 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, 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, thinning and extracting the woodland products. The timber will be stacked for seasoning. It is likely that we will also be making charcoal. All task days will run from 9.30am to approximately 2.30pm.

Thursday, 03 October 2024
Sunday, 13 October 2024
Thursday, 17 October 2024
Sunday, 27 October 2024
Thursday, 31 October 2024
Sunday, 10 November 2024
Thursday, 14 November 2024
Sunday, 24 November 2024
Thursday, 28 November 2024
Sunday, 08 December 2024
Thursday, 12 December 2024
Sunday, 22 December 2024
Christmas break
Sunday, 05 January 2025
Thursday, 09 January 2025
Sunday, 19 January 2025
Thursday, 23 January 2025
Sunday, 02 February 2025
Thursday, 06 February 2025
Sunday, 16 February 2025
Thursday, 20 February 2025
Sunday, 02 March 2025
Thursday, 06 March 2025
Sunday, 16 March 2025
Thursday, 20 March 2025
Sunday, 30 March 2025

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