## Task Day Programme – April 2025 to September 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 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 and making charcoal.

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!

## 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.

This spring and summer, we will finish extracting the timber that has arisen from coppicing hazel and thinning birch over the winter. The cordwood (4' lengths of firewood) will be cut to log length using a chainsaw, with larger diameter pieces also split with axes. We will stack the logs onto pallets, with a cover placed on top, to continue the seasoning process. Smaller felled timbers will be cut to length for hedging stakes, rods and charcoal making. We will also be making charcoal and carrying out any maintenance jobs. Finally, we will prepare for the autumn/winter felling season.

We will be working on the dates below, carrying out the spring/summer activities described above. August dates are provisional as volunteers tend to be on holiday! All task days will run from 9.30am to approximately 2.30pm.

Thursday, 3 April 2025

Sunday, 13 April 2025

Thursday, 17 April 2025

Sunday, 27 April 2025

Thursday, 1 May 2025

Sunday, 11 May 2025

Thursday, 15 May 2025

Sunday, 25 May 2025

Thursday, 29 May 2025

Sunday, 8 June 2025

Thursday, 12 June 2025

Sunday, 22 June 2025

Thursday, 26 June 2025

Sunday, 6 July 2025

Thursday, 10 July 2025

Sunday, 20 July 2025

Thursday, 24 July 2025

Sunday, 3 August 2025 – provisional date, subject to volunteer availability

Thursday, 7 August 2025 – provisional date, subject to volunteer availability

Sunday, 17 August 2025 – provisional date, subject to volunteer availability

Thursday, 21 August 2025 – provisional date, subject to volunteer availability

Sunday, 31 August 2025 – provisional date, subject to volunteer availability

Thursday, 4 September 2025

Sunday, 14 September 2025

Thursday, 18 September 2025

Sunday, 28 September 2025