



# Volunteer...

## with Islington Nature Conservation Team

February - March 2019

### What to bring and further information for volunteers:

- You will be helping with practical nature conservation tasks, so it's important that you come wearing clothes you don't mind getting dirty, and sturdy, sensible footwear. We may be able to provide boots, please phone ahead to check we have your size.
- We will provide you with all the safety equipment you may need during tasks, including gloves.
- All equipment and tools are provided, please do not bring your own tools.
- We also provide reasonable expenses for travel and lunch, so please retain your receipts and bring them with you.
- If this is your first time volunteering with the team, please call us first on 020 7527 4374 to discuss.

**We look forward to seeing you at a work day soon!**

**Do you need this information in another language or reading format such as Braille, large print, audio or Easy Read?  
Please contact 020 7527 2000.**

If you would like to know more about volunteering please contact:

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Come and join the team in helping to look after Islington's nature reserves. Spend a rewarding day getting closer to nature, carrying out practical conservation in some of the wilder parts of London!

Volunteering is a great way to keep active, learn new skills and meet like-minded people.

**Find out more inside** 

## Regular volunteer days - Thursdays, 10am to 3.30pm

Below you will find a list of dates and locations for forthcoming volunteering days. You are welcome to come for just part of the day.

### 7 February - Gillespie Park

**Dead hedge creation.** Using the cuttings from last month's hedge pruning, we are building a new dead hedge in Ambler Wood.

### 14 February - Parkland Walk

**Hazel coppice and path drainage.** We are coppicing some mature hazel along the tree trail and keeping the drainage channel along the main path clear of debris.

### 21 February - Gillespie Park

**Early Spring tasks.** Spot the signs of spring at our largest nature reserve, with a number of tasks managing the habitats for the wildlife and the paths for our visitors.

### 28 February - Gillespie Park

**St Thomas and Lupin Meadows.** We are clearing ground ivy and bramble and cutting back overhanging branches along the boundary of the meadows in the lower park.

### 7 March - Gillespie Park

**Slow-worm buffer zone.** We are cutting back the vegetation to keep these sunny and sheltered banks open, while being careful to leave the slow-worm hibernation and basking sites undisturbed.

### 14 March - Parkland Walk

**Tree Trail and Blythwood Bank.** We are laying woodchip and repairing path edging along the tree trail, and weeding our new plants on the Blythwood bank.

### 21 March - Barnsbury Wood

**Nectar garden, dead hedges and log circle.** A welcome return to this lovely small woodland, with a range of spring tasks.

### 28 March - Gillespie Park

**Ecology Centre wildlife garden and entrance beds.** Early spring maintenance of our gardens.

## Where to find us

