

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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Volunteer...

with Islington Nature Conservation Team

October - November 2018



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.

4 October - Gillespie Park

Meadow management. Our autumn cutting of our meadows continues! Using scythes, we cut all our meadows and rake them, removing the nutrients which will encourage more wildflowers next year. We keep margins of long grass along the cut areas for insects and amphibians and reptiles over the winter. Today we are working in Aster Meadow.

11 October - Gillespie Park

Meadow cut. Completing Long Mead.

18 October - Parkland Walk

Spriggin banks and sowing woodland flower seeds. Preparing and sowing the ground with a mix of native woodland flowers, and cutting back bramble and other autumn management on our Spriggin banks.

25 October - Gillespie Park

Kelly's Meadow and small ponds. Working around the Ecology Centre today, cutting and raking the demonstration meadow; and light management of vegetation in the small ponds.

1 November - Barnsbury Wood

Woodland wildflower sowing and ivy management. We're enhancing the ground flora in this small woodland site: preparing the ground and sowing wildflower seeds, and clearing areas of ivy to allow the spring bulbs to spread.

8 November - Gillespie Park

Meadows. Completing our scything and raking of our teaching meadow, and cutting back bramble in preparation for our new hedge.

15 November - Gillespie Park

Hedge Planting. We're establishing a new native hedge along the edge of the railway line. This will provide shelter along this section of Long Mead meadow, creating a better habitat for butterflies and other pollinators visiting our meadows in summer.

22 November - Parkland Walk

Late autumn tidy. Several tasks looking after this lovely woodland site, the longest nature reserve in London.

29 November - Gillespie Park

Slow worm habitat management. Cutting the buffer zone meadow that we manage as for slow worms.

Where to find us

