CCV Autumn Programme 2012

You say goodbye and I say hello.

Autumn 2012



The evil Himalayan Balsam, kill it with extreme prejudice!

Whoopee! The autumn programme is here at last. I don't know about you but I can't take any more of this so called summer. It's been so wet here that Noah wouldn't look out of place sailing past the Millennium Stadium in his ark collecting two animals of each kind. In fact, as conservation projects go it's probably not a bad idea. As a Cardiff Conservation Volunteer I would insist that Noah took two of each plant on his boat as well. Not the Himalayan Balsam though; that stuff can rot in the devil's own cesspit for all I care. Certain areas around Cardiff are so choked with the stuff that nothing else can grow. Even though CCV have done a sterling job ripping the wretched stuff up the sheer enormity of the problem makes me feel as though I've just turned up to an earthquake ravaged city with a dustpan and brush. Still, it really is satisfying to pull up. Its puny roots are so shallow that a swift tug is all that's needed.

Have the Olympics finished yet? No? Pity. At least on Sunday I can avoid this sport overload by jumping into the CCV minibus and driving off somewhere random. Monday to Saturday is a bit more tricky, though. If stone walling was an Olympic sport I might be more interested but sadly the Olympic commission haven't even considered it. Axe throwing would be a good watch as well; and yes, it is a real sport in case you don't believe me.

The Autumn Programme

Two Residential Weekends!

This programme boasts an incredible TWO weekend residential tasks. In case you hadn't noticed, I love the CCV weekend tasks. Banter, bigger projects, good company and a spanking new mini bus that doesn't break down. What more can a volunteer want? A whole week away perhaps? well we're working on that too but nothing definite yet.

There is one task booked on the weekend of the 24th in Borth which will be a camping a weekend. It's time to dust off the soul pad and check that tool shed mice haven't eaten it! As we are camping, spaces are limited so book early. Don't forget, if you want make your own way up, that's fine; we can collect you from bus/railway stations etc.

We also have a weekend in Mathry which will have real beds for those who 'don't camp'. Steve is leading so if you want to go, book with him. For Borth, book with me.

That's enough from me, see you on task.

All the best,
Ian



A wheel barrow with dirt



The CCV Soul Pad 5000!

Cardiff Conservation Volunteers



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August	September	October
Wednesday 1st **CCV Monthly Meeting** **Mackintosh Sports Club** Keppoch Street, Roath CF24 3JW **7:30pm**	**Sunday 2nd** **St Teilos Church** General garden Maintenance Leader: Tina Tel: 029 20 331 637	**Wednesday 3rd** **CCV Monthly Meeting** **Mackintosh Sports Club** Keppoch Street, Roath CF24 3JW **7:30pm**
Sunday 5th **Work for Cardiff Council** Leader: Steve Tel: 029 20 610 703	**Wednesday 5th** **CCV Monthly Meeting** **Mackintosh Sports Club** Keppoch Street, Roath CF24 3JW **7:30pm**	**Sunday 7th** **Going somewhere to do something!** Leader: John Tel: 01633 440 999 john.newton645@btinternet.com
Tools Fun Day! **Chips for everyone!** Leader: Ian Tel: 07709 814 253	**Sunday 9th** **Rhondda Cynon Taff** Work could be anything! Leader: John Tel: 01633 440 999 john.newton645@btinternet.com	**Sunday 14th** **Rhondda Cynon Taff** Work could be anything! Leader: Geraint Tel: 07909 831 421
Sunday 12th **Work for Cardiff Council** Leader: Steve Tel: 029 20 610 703	**Sunday 16th** **Forest Farm** Pond Work Leader: Steve Tel: 029 20 6107 03	**19th – 21st** **Mathry Residential** Leader: Steve Tel: 02920 610 703
Sunday 19th **Out of the Woods Festival** **Annual publicity event for CCV** Good Fun! Leader: Ian Tel: 07709 814 253	**Sunday 23rd** **Howardian** Could be anything! Leader: Frank Tel: 07961 888 501	**Sunday 28th** Mystery Task! Leader: Carys Tel: 07759 660 479
24th -26th **Borth Residential!** Working in Borth Bog Will be better than it sounds! Leader: Ian Tel: 07709 814 253	**Sunday 30th** **The Garth** Clearing and restoring footpaths Leader: Steve Tel: 029 20 6107 03	

CCV Officers	Name	Contact
CCV Chair	Robert Hall	07981 963 681
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VOLUNTEER'S CODE OF CONDUCT

Volunteers have at all times a duty to conduct themselves and undertake their activities in a manner so as not to endanger themselves or others; and to behave in a way that is respectful of others, including -

WORKING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

Guidelines we must observe when working with volunteers or members of the public we meet during our activities, who are under 18 years of age.

Plan activities carefully and be alert to potential harm.

Where possible ensure young people are accompanied by their own adult carers and that they take direct supervisory responsibility.

Avoid being left alone with young people if you can.

Where one to one contact is unavoidable, keep it short, be accessible and make sure someone is informed.

Don't hesitate to seek advice from the CCV Chief Officer.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Everyone must wear seat belts when travelling in the CCV minibus.
Everybody who participates in CCV activities should be up to date with their Tetanus injections.
If there are any accidents on task, notify the leader. They will enter it into the CCV Accident Book.
CCV projects can vary enormously and can be strenuous. It is important to contact the leader if you have concerns about your fitness for the work being undertaken.
If you have any complaints or concerns about the work, the people you work with or the places you work, please get in touch with the CCV Task Coordinator, a Trustee/Director or CCV Officer. It doesn't have to be the CCV Task Coordinator, but they may be able to do something at the time.

ADVICE FOR ATTENDING CCV TASKS

SUNDAY TASKS – Book as early as possible with the CCV Task Coordinator – preferably before Friday night. Bring - a packed lunch, strong foot wear (steel toe caps recommended), suitable clothing to keep you warm and protected from the rain and sun. Tea, coffee and biscuits are provided.

MEET AT 9.00AM in front of the National Museum and Gallery, Cathays Park, CF10-3NP or at The Conservation Centre, Forest Farm Road, Whitchurch, Cardiff, CF14 7JJ. Look out for our white minibus.

The CCV web page is a good source of information about CCV and is at **www.cardiffconservation.org.uk**