



# Practical Conservation Calendar

**Winter 2024**

## Useful information for Task Days

### Things you need to know:

- Task days start at 10am (9am at Potteric Carr) and usually run until 4pm
- Booking is preferred for every task, please contact the leader listed for the task day to book your place.
- New volunteers will need to provide emergency contact details and relevant medical details before beginning, just in case of any incident or accident.
- We ask those coming on task days to arrive with clean footwear, this should be done before arriving on site. This is to limit the spread and damage of invasive non-native species.
- Many of our reserves are rural or remote with limited welfare facilities. Toilets and running water are only available at Potteric Carr, Spurn and Stirley Farm. Contact the leader listed if you require any information regarding welfare facilities near to your chosen task day.
- We'll provide hand washing facilities (where possible) and hand sanitiser but do bring your own supply of hand sanitiser/wipes.
- Under 18's: For young people under 16 we will require parents or guardians to come along too. Young people aged 16 or 17 can volunteer without the need for an accompanying adult but we would need a parental consent form completed before you start volunteering.

## What you should bring

- A packed lunch and plenty to drink.
- Hard-wearing shoes, boots or wellies.
- Old clothes that you don't mind getting dirty.
- Waterproofs, sunscreen and insect repellent when necessary, you never know what the weather will do!
- Tools and gloves will be provided.

Please visit [www.ywt.org.uk/nature-reserves](http://www.ywt.org.uk/nature-reserves) for directions to sites.

## Corporate Volunteers

Corporate businesses wishing to arrange use of their corporate volunteering allowance should contact our Corporate Partnerships Officer for support:

[fundraising@ywt.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@ywt.org.uk)

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☎ **01904 659570 (Option 2)** ✉ **[volunteering@ywt.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@ywt.org.uk)**



## NORTH YORKSHIRE RESERVES

### ASHBERRY

**Nearest town:** Helmsley

#### Woodland work

Wednesday 21st February

**Contact:** Peter Christopherson  
07787 535812  
peter.christopherson@ywt.org.uk

### ASHES PASTURE

**Nearest town:** Ingleton

#### Drystone walling

Tuesday 12th March

#### Tree aftercare

Wednesday 20th March

**Contact:** Graham Standing  
07795 644123  
graham.standing@ywt.org.uk

### BIRCH WOOD

**Nearest town:** Helmsley

#### Coppicing

Wednesday 27th March

**Contact:** Peter Christopherson  
07787 535812  
peter.christopherson@ywt.org.uk

### BURTON RIGGS

**Nearest town:** Scarborough

#### Reserve maintenance

Thursday 1st February

**Contact:** Peter Christopherson  
07787 535812  
peter.christopherson@ywt.org.uk

### CHAFER WOOD

**Nearest town:** Pickering

#### Woodland work

Wednesday 31st January

#### Natural flood management

Wednesday 14th February

**Contact:** Peter Christopherson  
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peter.christopherson@ywt.org.uk

### FEN BOG

**Nearest town:** Pickering

#### Scrub clearance

Wednesday 10th January

**Contact:** Peter Christopherson  
07787 535812  
peter.christopherson@ywt.org.uk

### FILEY DAMS

**Nearest town:** Filey

#### Reserve management

Wednesday 3rd January  
Wednesday 7th February

**Contact:** Peter Christopherson  
07787 535812  
peter.christopherson@ywt.org.uk

#### Reserve management

Wednesday 6th March

**Contact:** Kate Yates  
07825 668415  
kate.yates@ywt.org.uk



Drystone walling

### GARBUTT WOOD

**Nearest town:** Thirsk

#### Footpath works

Wednesday 24th January

**Contact:** Peter Christopherson  
07787 535812  
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#### Holly removal

Wednesday 28th February

**Contact:** Peter Christopherson  
07787 535812  
peter.christopherson@ywt.org.uk

### GRASS WOOD

**Nearest town:** Grassington

#### Ash dieback felling and clearance

Tuesday 16th January  
Wednesday 31st January

Thursday 15th February  
Wednesday 6th March

#### Woodland management

Saturday 13th January  
Saturday 10th February  
Saturday 16th March  
Wednesday 27th March

**Contact:** Graham Standing  
07795 644123  
graham.standing@ywt.org.uk

### HALL FARM

**Nearest town:** Whitby

#### Hedge and tree planting

Monday 29th January  
Tuesday 30th January  
Wednesday 31st January

**Contact:** Christopher Watt  
07774 586922  
chris.watt@ywt.org.uk



JAMES FERGUSON

Grass Wood in the snow



## INGLEBOROUGH

Nearest town: Ingleton

### Tree planting

Tuesday 20th February

**Contact:** Graham Standring  
07795 644123  
graham.standring@ywt.org.uk

## KNAGGY HOUSE FARM

Nearest town: Whitby

### Hedge planting

Monday 15th January  
Tuesday 16th January  
Wednesday 17th January  
Monday 22nd January  
Tuesday 23rd January  
Wednesday 24th January  
Monday 19th February  
Tuesday 20th February  
Wednesday 21st February

**Contact:** Christopher Watt  
07774 586922  
chris.watt@ywt.org.uk

## LOW CARR FARM

Nearest town: Pickering

### Hedgelaying

Thursday 7th March  
Thursday 14th March

**Contact:** Peter Christopherson  
07787 535812  
peter.christopherson@ywt.org.uk

## MITTEN HILL FARM

Nearest town: Whitby

### Hedge planting

Monday 8th January  
Tuesday 9th January  
Wednesday 10th January  
Monday 12th February  
Tuesday 13th February  
Wednesday 14th February

**Contact:** Christopher Watt  
07774 586922  
chris.watt@ywt.org.uk

## PRESBYTERY FARM

Nearest town: Whitby

### Hedge and tree planting

Monday 26th February  
Tuesday 27th February  
Wednesday 28th February

**Contact:** Christopher Watt  
07774 586922  
chris.watt@ywt.org.uk

## SEMERWATER

Nearest town: Hawes



### Hedgelaying

Wednesday 10th January  
Wednesday 24th January  
Wednesday 7th February  
Wednesday 28th February

**Contact:** Graham Standring  
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graham.standring@ywt.org.uk

## WILD INGLEBOROUGH

Nearest town:

Horton-in-Ribblesdale

### Tree planting/ willow pegging

Tuesday 9th January  
Saturday 13th January  
Tuesday 23rd January  
Tuesday 30th January  
Tuesday 6th February  
Saturday 10th February  
Tuesday 13th February  
Tuesday 27th February  
Saturday 9th March  
Tuesday 12th March  
Tuesday 19th March  
Tuesday 26th March

**Contact:** Liz Coates  
01904 916367  
www.wildingleborough.com/  
get-involved

## YORK HOUSE

Nearest town: Whitby

### Tree planting

Monday 5th February  
Tuesday 6th February  
Wednesday 7th February

**Contact:** Christopher Watt  
07774 586922  
chris.watt@ywt.org.uk

## COASTAL RESERVES

To book a place on any of these beach clean days please visit: [www.ywt.org.uk/beach-cleans](http://www.ywt.org.uk/beach-cleans)

### SPURN

Nearest town: Withernsea

### Waves of Waste beach clean

Saturday 27th January  
Sunday 25th February  
Saturday 30th March

### SOUTH LANDING, FLAMBOROUGH

Nearest town: Bridlington

### Waves of Waste beach clean

Thursday 14th March

### BRIDLINGTON NORTH

Nearest town: Bridlington

### Waves of Waste beach clean

Saturday 13th January  
Saturday 10th February  
Saturday 2nd March

### FILEY SOUTH

Nearest town: Filey

### Waves of Waste beach clean

Saturday 10th February

### CAYTON BAY

Nearest town: Scarborough

### Waves of Waste beach clean

Saturday 24th February

### SCARBOROUGH SOUTH

Nearest town: Scarborough

### Waves of Waste beach clean

Sunday 24th March

### SCARBOROUGH NORTH

Nearest town: Scarborough

### Waves of Waste beach clean

Saturday 13th January  
Saturday 10th February  
Saturday 9th March



## EAST YORKSHIRE RESERVES

### ASKHAM BOG

**Nearest town:** York

#### Scrub control / coppicing

Wednesday 3rd January  
Wednesday 10th January  
Wednesday 7th February  
Wednesday 21st February  
Wednesday 6th March

**Contact:** Dave Powell  
07977 287012  
david.powell@ywt.org.uk

#### Scrub control / coppicing

Wednesday 17th January

**Contact:** Matt Samuel  
07721 951900  
matthew.samuel@ywt.org.uk

### BARLOW COMMON

**Nearest town:** Selby

#### Scrub control / coppicing

Tuesday 9th January  
Tuesday 23rd January  
Tuesday 6th February  
Tuesday 20th February  
Tuesday 5th March  
Tuesday 19th March

**Contact:** Dave Powell  
07977 287012  
david.powell@ywt.org.uk

### BOLTON PERCY STATION YARD

**Nearest town:** York

#### Scrub control

Wednesday 31st January

**Contact:** Dave Powell  
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### JEFFRY BOG

**Nearest town:** Malton

#### Meadow management

Wednesday 14th February

**Contact:** Dave Powell  
07977 287012  
david.powell@ywt.org.uk

### SPURN

**Nearest town:** Kilnsea

#### Reserve management

Wednesday 3rd January  
Wednesday 10th January  
Wednesday 17th January  
Wednesday 24th January  
Wednesday 31st January  
Wednesday 7th February  
Wednesday 14th February  
Wednesday 21st February  
Wednesday 28th February  
Wednesday 6th March  
Wednesday 13th March  
Wednesday 20th March  
Wednesday 27th March

**Contact:** Rosie Jaques  
rosie.jaques@ywt.org.uk

### STRENSALL COMMON

**Nearest town:** York

#### Scrub control

Wednesday 24th January  
Wednesday 28th February  
Wednesday 13th March

**Contact:** Dave Powell  
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david.powell@ywt.org.uk

### WHELDRAKE INGS

**Nearest town:** York

#### Reserve management

Wednesday 20th March  
Wednesday 27th March

**Contact:** Henry Morgan  
07721 958798  
henry.morgan@ywt.org.uk

## SOUTH YORKSHIRE RESERVES



Volunteering at Carlton Marsh

### BARNSELY

**Nearest town:** Barnsley

#### Tree planting

Tuesday 9th January  
Tuesday 16th January  
Saturday 20th January  
Tuesday 23rd January  
Tuesday 30th January  
Tuesday 6th February  
Tuesday 13th February  
Saturday 24th February  
Tuesday 27th February  
Tuesday 5th March  
Tuesday 12th March  
Tuesday 19th March  
Saturday 23rd March  
Tuesday 26th March

**Contact:** Lucy Kucharik  
07721 962579  
lucy.kucharik@ywt.org.uk

### CARLTON MARSH

**Nearest town:** Barnsley

#### Fenceline clearance

Thursday 18th January

**Contact:** Katie Baker  
katie.baker@ywt.org.uk

#### Fenceline clearance

Friday 19th January  
Saturday 27th January  
Saturday 24th February

**Contact:** Sophie Pinder  
07896 674808  
sophie.pinder@ywt.org.uk

### DENABY INGS

**Nearest town:** Doncaster

#### Alder regen removal

Thursday 11th January

**Contact:** Katie Baker  
katie.baker@ywt.org.uk

### DOVESIDE

**Nearest town:** Barnsley

#### Fenceline clearance

Thursday 15th February

**Contact:** Katie Baker  
katie.baker@ywt.org.uk

#### Woodland management

Friday 5th January

#### Fenceline clearance

Friday 16th February

#### Reserve management

Friday 1st March

**Contact:** Sophie Pinder  
07896 674808  
sophie.pinder@ywt.org.uk

### MALTBY LOW COMMON

**Nearest town:** Rotherham

#### Woodland management

Thursday 4th January

**Contact:** Katie Baker  
katie.baker@ywt.org.uk



Robin





## MANOR FARM

**Nearest town:** Doncaster

### Hedgelaying (full day)

Saturday 13th January  
Saturday 27th January  
Saturday 10th February  
Saturday 24th February

### Litter pick (afternoon)

Saturday 9th March  
Saturday 23rd March

**Contact:** Katie Baker  
katie.baker@ywt.org.uk

### Hedgerow clearance

Thursday 29th February

**Contact:** Katie Baker  
katie.baker@ywt.org.uk

## PARSON'S CARR

**Nearest town:** Doncaster

### Tree planting/guard removal

Thursday 25th January  
Thursday 8th February

### Grassland management

Thursday 28th March

**Contact:** Katie Baker  
katie.baker@ywt.org.uk

## POTTERIC CARR

**Nearest town:** Doncaster

### Rhododendron removal

Thursday 14th March

### Reserve management

Thursday 7th March  
Thursday 21st March

**Contact:** Katie Baker  
katie.baker@ywt.org.uk

### Reserve management

Tuesday 2nd January  
Sunday 7th January  
Tuesday 9th January  
Tuesday 16th January  
Sunday 21st January  
Tuesday 23rd January  
Sunday 28th January  
Tuesday 30th January  
Sunday 4th February  
Tuesday 6th February  
Tuesday 13th February  
Sunday 18th February  
Tuesday 20th February  
Tuesday 27th February  
Sunday 3rd March  
Tuesday 5th March  
Tuesday 12th March  
Sunday 17th March  
Tuesday 19th March  
Sunday 24th March  
Tuesday 26th March  
Sunday 31st March

**Contact:** Mark Roberts  
07896 674745  
mark.roberts@ywt.org.uk

## ROVING BARNLEY RESERVES

**Nearest town:** Barnsley

### Reserve management

Friday 8th March  
Friday 15th March  
Friday 22nd March  
Friday 29th March  
Saturday 30th March

**Contact:** Sophie Pinder  
07896 674808  
sophie.pinder@ywt.org.uk

## SPROTBROUGH FLASH

**Nearest town:** Doncaster

### Woodland management (coppicing)

Tuesday 23rd January  
Tuesday 6th February  
Tuesday 20th February  
Tuesday 5th March  
Tuesday 19th March

**Contact:** Jim Horsfall  
07867 353756  
jim.horsfall@ywt.org.uk

## THORPE MARSH

**Nearest town:** Doncaster

**Island clearance**  
Thursday 22nd February

**Contact:** Katie Baker  
katie.baker@ywt.org.uk

### Hedgelaying

Tuesday 2nd January  
Tuesday 9th January  
Tuesday 16th January  
Tuesday 23rd January  
Tuesday 30th January

### Scrub clearance

Tuesday 6th February  
Tuesday 13th February  
Tuesday 20th February  
Tuesday 27th February  
Tuesday 5th March  
Tuesday 12th March

**Contact:** Michael Townsend  
mickayt@tiscali.co.uk



## WOGDEN FOOT

**Nearest town:** Dunford Bridge

### Scrub clearance

Thursday 1st February  
Friday 2nd February

**Contact:** Katie Baker  
katie.baker@ywt.org.uk

## YORKSHIRE WATER DARTON

**Nearest town:** Barnsley

**Woodland management**  
Friday 12th January

**Contact:** Sophie Pinder  
07896 674808  
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## YORKSHIRE WATER LUNDWOOD

**Nearest town:** Barnsley

**Tree planting**  
Friday 9th February

**Contact:** Sophie Pinder  
07896 674808  
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## YORKSHIRE WATER WOMBWELL

**Nearest town:** Barnsley

**Tree planting**  
Friday 23rd February

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## YORKSHIRE WATER WORSBROUGH

**Nearest town:** Barnsley

**Woodland management**  
Friday 26th January

**Contact:** Sophie Pinder  
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## WEST YORKSHIRE RESERVES

### ADEL DAM

**Nearest town:** Leeds

#### Reserve management

Tuesday 2nd January  
Thursday 25th January  
Tuesday 6th February  
Thursday 22nd February  
Tuesday 5th March  
Thursday 21st March

**Contact:** Peter Gurney  
07741 662663  
peter.gurney@ywt.org.uk

### BROADHEAD CLOUGH

**Nearest town:** Mytholmroyd

#### Woodland management

Friday 5th January  
Friday 2nd February  
Friday 1st March

**Contact:** Connor Byers  
07824 542314  
connor.byers@ywt.org.uk

### BROCKDALE

**Nearest town:** Pontefract

#### Scrub reduction

Wednesday 24th January

#### Meadow management

Wednesday 10th January  
Wednesday 7th February  
Wednesday 6th March

#### Woodland management

Wednesday 21st February

#### Reserve management

Wednesday 20th March

**Contact:** Karen McDiarmid  
07780 666173  
karen.mcdiarmid@ywt.org.uk

#### Reserve management

Sunday 21st January  
Saturday 17th February  
Sunday 17th March

**Contact:** Paul Simmons  
01977 620725

### HETCHELL WOOD

**Nearest town:** Leeds

#### Scrub clearance

Thursday 4th January  
Tuesday 16th January  
Wednesday 7th February  
Tuesday 20th February  
Thursday 7th March  
Tuesday 19th March

**Contact:** Peter Gurney  
07741 662663  
peter.gurney@ywt.org.uk

### HOLLINHURST WOOD

**Nearest town:** Kippax

#### Woodland work

Friday 9th February

**Contact:** Elspeth Robinson  
07825 668419  
elspeth.robinson@ywt.org.uk

### KIPPAX MEADOWS

**Nearest town:** Kippax

#### Scrub management

Tuesday 13th February

**Contact:** Elspeth Robinson  
07825 668419  
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### KIRKSTALL VALLEY

**Nearest town:** Leeds

#### Coppicing

Tuesday 9th January  
Tuesday 13th February  
Tuesday 12th March

**Contact:** Peter Gurney  
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peter.gurney@ywt.org.uk

### LEDHAM BANK

**Nearest town:** Castleford

#### Hedgelaying

Friday 19th January  
Friday 16th February  
Friday 15th March



Low Wood



Ledston Luck volunteers

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#### Hedgelaying

Friday 19th January  
Friday 16th February  
Friday 15th March

**Contact:** Connor Byers  
07824 542314  
connor.byers@ywt.org.uk

### LEDSTON LUCK

**Nearest town:** Kippax

#### Woodland management

Tuesday 6th February  
Friday 8th March

**Contact:** Elspeth Robinson  
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### LETCHMIRE PASTURES

**Nearest town:** Castleford

#### Habitat management

Friday 23rd February  
Tuesday 12th March

**Contact:** Elspeth Robinson  
07825 668419  
elspeth.robinson@ywt.org.uk

### LOW WOOD

**Nearest town:** Keighley

#### Woodland management

Thursday 11th January  
Thursday 8th February  
Thursday 14th March

**Contact:** John Preshaw  
07484 181741  
johnpreshaw@tiscali.co.uk

### OWL WOOD & PIT PLANTATION

**Nearest town:** Kippax

#### Dead-hedging

Tuesday 9th January  
Friday 1st March

**Contact:** Elspeth Robinson  
07825 668419  
elspeth.robinson@ywt.org.uk

### ROTHWELL COUNTRY PARK

**Nearest town:** Rothwell

#### Woodland management

Tuesday 27th February  
Tuesday 26th March



### Tree planting

Tuesday 20th February

**Contact:** Elspeth Robinson  
07825 668419  
elspeth.robinson@ywt.org.uk

### SHERBURN WILLOWS

**Nearest town:** Sherburn in Elmet

### Meadow management and hedge trimming

Wednesday 17th January  
Wednesday 14th February

### Fen management

Wednesday 13th March

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07780 666173  
karen.mcdiarmid@ywt.org.uk

### STIRLEY

**Nearest town:** Huddersfield

### Practical habitat management

Thursday 4th January  
Thursday 18th January  
Thursday 25th January  
Thursday 1st February  
Thursday 15th February  
Thursday 22nd February  
Thursday 29th February  
Thursday 7th March  
Thursday 21st March  
Thursday 28th March

### Woodland management – Upper Park

Thursday 11th January  
Thursday 8th February  
Thursday 14th March

### Reserve management

Tuesday 6th February  
Tuesday 13th February  
Tuesday 20th February  
Tuesday 27th February  
Tuesday 5th March  
Tuesday 12th March  
Tuesday 19th March  
Tuesday 26th March

**Contact:** Mary Painter  
07795 644125  
mary.painter@ywt.org.uk

### STOCKSMOOR COMMON

**Nearest town:** Wakefield

### Scrub control

Thursday 18th January  
Thursday 15th February  
Thursday 14th March

**Contact:** Connor Byers  
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connor.byers@ywt.org.uk

### STONEYCLIFFE WOOD

**Nearest town:** Wakefield

### Woodland management

Thursday 4th January  
Thursday 1st February  
Thursday 29th February

**Contact:** Connor Byers  
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### TOWNCLOSE HILLS

**Nearest town:** Kippax

### Coppicing

Friday 12th January  
Tuesday 16th January



Hedgelaying at Water Haigh Woodland Park

### Woodland management

Tuesday 5th March  
Friday 22nd March

**Contact:** Elspeth Robinson  
07825 668419  
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### UPPER PARK WOOD

**Nearest town:** Huddersfield

### Woodland management

Thursday 11th January  
Thursday 8th February  
Thursday 14th March

**Contact:** Mary Painter  
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### WATER HAIGH WOODLAND PARK

**Nearest town:** Rothwell

### Hedgelaying

Tuesday 23rd January  
Friday 26th January  
Tuesday 30th January  
Friday 2nd February

### Habitat management

Tuesday 19th March

**Contact:** Elspeth Robinson  
07825 668419  
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### WILLOW GARTH

**Nearest town:** Knottingley

### Reedbed management

Wednesday 31st January

### Coppicing

Wednesday 28th February

**Contact:** Karen McDiarmid  
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Volunteers at Stirley



Willow Garth