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Wildlife Trust



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# Practical Conservation Calendar

## Summer 2025

### 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)

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

[ywt.org.uk](http://ywt.org.uk)

Marie Fooks  
Volunteering Support Manager

Rachel Loffman  
Volunteering Support Officer

Tom Normandale  
Volunteering Support Assistant



## NORTH YORKSHIRE RESERVES

### ASHBERRY

**Nearest town:** Helmsley

#### Planted tree inspection and maintenance

Wednesday 20th August

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

### ASHES PASTURE

**Nearest town:** Ingleton

#### Dry stone walling

Tuesday 15th July

#### Ragwort clearance

Wednesday 23rd July

#### Dry stone walling/ tree aftercare

Wednesday 27th August

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

### BURTON RIGGS

**Nearest town:** Scarborough

#### Reserve maintenance

Thursday 4th September

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

### CHAFER WOOD

**Nearest town:** Pickering

#### Mowing and raking/dry stone walling

Wednesday 13th August  
Wednesday 17th September

#### Dry stone walling

Thursday 14th August  
Thursday 18th September

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

### ELLERBURN BANK

**Nearest town:** Pickering

#### Mowing and raking/ fence repairs

Wednesday 27th August

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

### FEN BOG

**Nearest town:** Pickering

#### Bracken control

Wednesday 2nd July

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

#### Bracken control

Wednesday 9th July

**Contact:** James Marshall  
07768 267402  
james.marshall@ywt.org.uk

#### Bracken control

Wednesday 23rd July

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

### FILEY DAMS

**Nearest town:** Filey

#### Reserve maintenance

Wednesday 2nd July

**Contact:** James Marshall  
07768 267402  
james.marshall@ywt.org.uk

#### Reserve maintenance

Wednesday 6th August

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

#### Reserve maintenance

Wednesday 3rd September

**Contact:** Peter Christopherson  
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### GRASS WOOD

**Nearest town:** Grassington

#### Bracken clearance/cut back paths/fencing

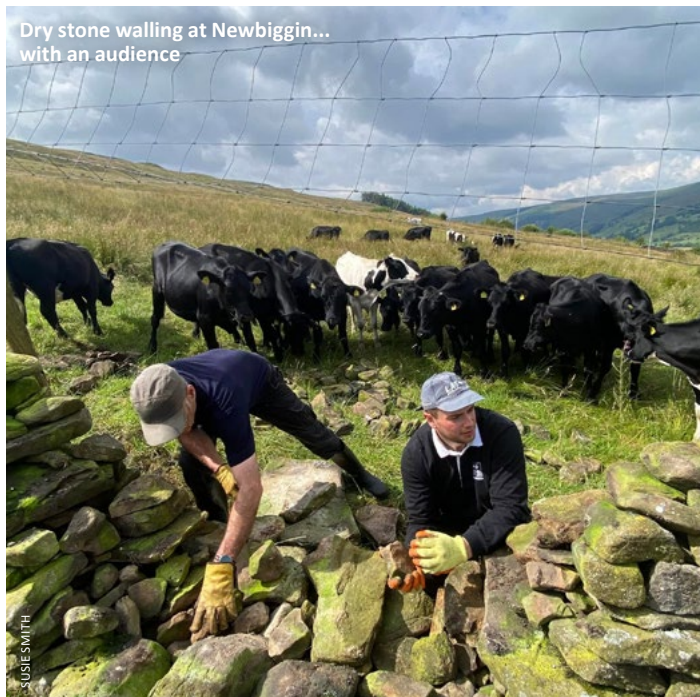
Wednesday 9th July  
Saturday 12th July

#### Fencing and/or dry stone walling

Wednesday 6th August

**Path clearance/  
strimming/raking**  
Saturday 16th August

Dry stone walling at Newbiggin...  
with an audience



#### Strimming/raking

Wednesday 3rd September  
Saturday 27th September

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

### LEYBURN OLD GLEBE

**Nearest town:** Leyburn

#### Mixed task – walling/ gate post and fences/ balsam clearance

Wednesday 2nd July

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

### LOW CARR FARM

**Nearest town:** Pickering

#### Reserve maintenance

Wednesday 10th September  
Wednesday 24th September

**Contact:** James Marshall  
07768 267402  
james.marshall@ywt.org.uk

### NEWBIGGIN PASTURE

**Nearest town:** Aysgarth

#### Dry stone walling

Tuesday 29th July

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

### SEATA QUARRY

**Nearest town:** Aysgarth

#### Strimming/raking

Wednesday 17th September

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

### SEMERWATER

**Nearest town:** Hawes

#### Dry stone walling/cutting back hedge

Wednesday 10th September

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

### SOUTH HOUSE PAVEMENT

**Nearest town:** Horton-in-  
Ribblesdale

#### Bracken/rosebay willowherb clearance

Wednesday 13th August

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07795 644123  
graham.standring@ywt.org.uk

### WEYBECK'S PASTURE

**Nearest town:** Grassington

#### Dry stone walling

Wednesday 20th August  
Wednesday 24th September

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## COASTAL RESERVES

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

### BRIDLINGTON NORTH

**Nearest town:** Bridlington

#### Waves of Waste beach clean

Saturday 12th July  
Saturday 9th August  
Saturday 6th September

### CAYTON BAY

**Nearest town:** Scarborough

#### Waves of Waste beach clean

Saturday 9th August

### FILEY SOUTH

**Nearest town:** Filey

#### Waves of Waste beach clean

Sunday 13th July  
Sunday 21st September

### FRAISTHORPE

**Nearest town:** Bridlington

#### Waves of Waste beach clean

Sunday 24th August

### SCARBOROUGH NORTH

**Nearest town:** Scarborough

#### Waves of Waste beach clean

Wednesday 2nd July  
Monday 18th August  
Wednesday 3rd September

### SCARBOROUGH SOUTH

**Nearest town:** Scarborough

#### Waves of Waste beach clean

Sunday 27th July  
Sunday 24th August  
Saturday 20th September

### SOUTH LANDING, FLAMBOROUGH

**Nearest town:** Bridlington

#### Waves of Waste beach clean

Friday 11th July  
Friday 26th September

### SPURN

**Nearest town:** Kilnsea

#### Waves of Waste beach clean

Friday 29th August  
Sunday 28th September  
Monday 28th July

#### Seagrass seed collection

Monday 11th August  
Tuesday 12th August  
Wednesday 13th August  
Thursday 14th August  
Wednesday 20th August  
Thursday 21st August  
Friday 22nd August  
Wednesday 27th August  
Thursday 28th August  
Friday 5th September  
Monday 8th September  
Tuesday 9th September  
Wednesday 10th September  
Thursday 11th September  
Friday 12th September  
Wednesday 17th September  
Thursday 18th September  
Friday 19th September  
Monday 22nd September  
Tuesday 23rd September  
Wednesday 24th September  
Thursday 25th September  
Friday 26th September

**Contact:** Andy Jayes  
[andy.jayes@ywt.org.uk](mailto:andy.jayes@ywt.org.uk)

#### Cockle shell deployment

Tuesday 1st July  
**Contact:** [wilder.humber@ywt.org.uk](mailto:wilder.humber@ywt.org.uk)

#### Oyster deployment

Monday 14th July  
Tuesday 15th July  
Wednesday 16th July  
Thursday 17th July  
**Contact:** [wilder.humber@ywt.org.uk](mailto:wilder.humber@ywt.org.uk)



## EAST YORKSHIRE RESERVES

### ASKHAM BOG

**Nearest town:** York

#### Weed wars

Wednesday 2nd July  
Wednesday 16th July  
Wednesday 30th July

#### Meadow management

Wednesday 27th August  
Wednesday 10th September  
Wednesday 24th September

**Contact:** Dave Powell  
07977 287012  
[david.powell@ywt.org.uk](mailto:david.powell@ywt.org.uk)

### BARLOW COMMON

**Nearest town:** Selby

#### Weed wars

Tuesday 1st July  
Tuesday 15th July  
Tuesday 29th July

#### Meadow management

Tuesday 12th August  
Tuesday 26th August  
Tuesday 9th September  
Tuesday 23rd September

**Contact:** Dave Powell  
07977 287012  
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### SPURN

**Nearest town:** Kilnsea

#### Habitat management

Wednesday 2nd July  
Wednesday 9th July  
Wednesday 16th July  
Wednesday 23rd July  
Wednesday 30th July  
Wednesday 6th August  
Wednesday 13th August  
Wednesday 20th August  
Wednesday 27th August  
Wednesday 3rd September  
Wednesday 10th September  
Wednesday 17th September  
Wednesday 24th September

**Contact:** Clare Galpin  
07957 480119  
[clare.galpin@ywt.org.uk](mailto:clare.galpin@ywt.org.uk)

### WHELDRAKE INGS

**Nearest town:** York

#### Weed wars

Wednesday 9th July  
Wednesday 23rd July

#### Reserve management

Wednesday 6th August  
Wednesday 20th August  
Wednesday 3rd September  
Wednesday 17th September

**Contact:** Nicholas Mitchell  
07932 626653  
[nicholas.mitchell@ywt.org.uk](mailto:nicholas.mitchell@ywt.org.uk)



## SOUTH YORKSHIRE RESERVES

### CARLTON MARSH

**Nearest town:** Barnsley

#### Grassland management

Saturday 30th August

#### Island management

Friday 5th September

**Contact:** Sophie Pinder

07896 674808

sophie.pinder@ywt.org.uk

### CARR LODGE

**Nearest town:** Doncaster

#### Path clearance

Thursday 21st August

**Contact:** Katie Baker

katie.baker@ywt.org.uk

### DEARNE VALLEY COUNTRY PARK

**Nearest town:** Barnsley

#### River clean

Saturday 26th July

**Contact:** Sophie Pinder

07896 674808

sophie.pinder@ywt.org.uk

### DENABY INGS

**Nearest town:** Doncaster

#### Reserve management

Thursday 24th July

#### Habitat management

Thursday 4th September

**Contact:** Katie Baker

katie.baker@ywt.org.uk

#### Reserve management

Friday 15th August

**Contact:** Sophie Pinder

07896 674808

sophie.pinder@ywt.org.uk

### DOVESIDE

**Nearest town:** Barnsley

#### Himalayan balsam removal

Friday 18th July

Friday 1st August

#### Scrub clearance

Saturday 27th September

**Contact:** Sophie Pinder

07896 674808

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#### Scrub clearance

Thursday 25th September

**Contact:** Katie Baker

katie.baker@ywt.org.uk

### FEN CARR

**Nearest town:** Doncaster

#### Habitat management

Thursday 11th September

**Contact:** Katie Baker

katie.baker@ywt.org.uk

### HUMBERHEAD LEVELS

**Nearest town:** Doncaster

#### Habitat management

Wednesday 2nd July

Wednesday 9th July

Wednesday 16th July

Wednesday 23rd July

Wednesday 30th July

Wednesday 6th August

Wednesday 13th August

Wednesday 20th August

Wednesday 27th August

Wednesday 3rd September

Wednesday 10th September

Wednesday 17th September

Wednesday 24th September

**Contact:** Helen Norford

07885 799712

helen.norford@ywt.org.uk



Low Wood volunteer, Steve, and champion hawthorn

### MALTBY LOW COMMON

**Nearest town:** Rotherham

#### Habitat management

Thursday 18th September

**Contact:** Katie Baker

katie.baker@ywt.org.uk

### OWSTON MEADOWS

**Nearest town:** Doncaster

#### Habitat management

Thursday 14th August

**Contact:** Katie Baker

katie.baker@ywt.org.uk

### PARSON'S CARR

**Nearest town:** Doncaster

#### Path clearance

Thursday 17th July

**Contact:** Katie Baker

katie.baker@ywt.org.uk

### POTTERIC CARR

**Nearest town:** Doncaster

#### Habitat management

Thursday 10th July

Thursday 7th August

#### Reserve management

Thursday 31st July

Thursday 28th August

**Contact:** Katie Baker

katie.baker@ywt.org.uk

#### Path clearance

Tuesday 1st July

Tuesday 8th July

Sunday 13th July

Tuesday 15th July

#### Grassland management

Tuesday 22nd July

Sunday 27th July

Tuesday 29th July

Tuesday 12th August

Tuesday 19th August

Sunday 24th August

Tuesday 26th August

#### Clearing view from hides

Tuesday 5th August

Sunday 10th August

#### Island management

Tuesday 2nd September

Sunday 7th September

Tuesday 9th September

Tuesday 16th September

Sunday 21st September

Tuesday 23rd September

Tuesday 30th September

**Contact:** Mark Roberts

mark.roberts@ywt.org.uk

### WOGDEN FOOT

**Nearest town:** Barnsley

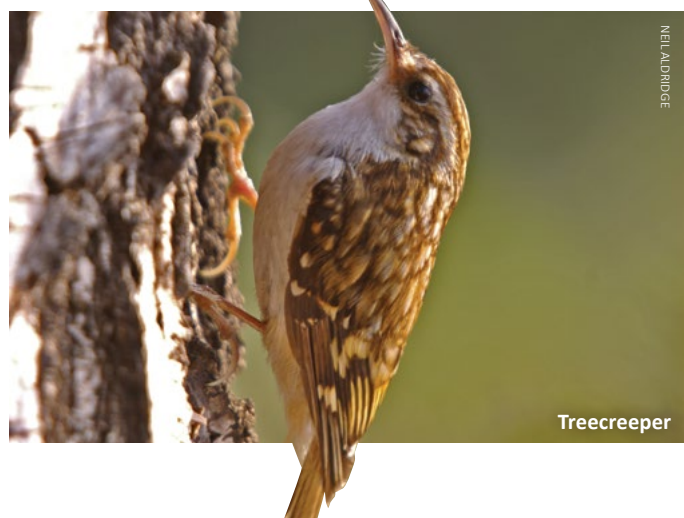
#### Reserve management

Friday 19th September

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NEIL ADRIANO

Tree creeper



## WEST YORKSHIRE RESERVES

### ADEL DAM

Nearest town: Leeds

#### Balsam control

Tuesday 1st July  
Tuesday 5th August  
Tuesday 2nd September

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

### BROADHEAD CLOUGH

Nearest town: Mytholmroyd

#### Bracken control

Friday 4th July  
Friday 1st August

#### Reserve management

Friday 5th September

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

### BROCKADALE

Nearest town: Pontefract

#### Fence line removal

Wednesday 9th July

#### Habitat management

Wednesday 23rd July  
Wednesday 6th August  
Wednesday 20th August  
Wednesday 3rd September  
Wednesday 17th September

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

### HETCHELL WOOD

Nearest town: Leeds

#### Balsam control

Tuesday 15th July  
Tuesday 19th August  
Tuesday 16th September

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

### HOLLINHURST WOOD

Nearest town: Kippax

#### Balsam control

Friday 18th July

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

#### Meadow management

Tuesday 30th September

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

### LEDSTON LUCK

Nearest town: Kippax

#### Fencing

Tuesday 29th July

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

#### Fencing

Friday 15th August

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

### LETCHMIRE PASTURES

Nearest town: Allerton Bywater

#### Balsam control

Friday 8th August

**Contact:** Peter Gurney  
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#### Balsam control

Tuesday 19th August

**Contact:** Mary Painter  
07795 644125  
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#### Meadow management

Tuesday 23rd September

**Contact:** Connor Byers  
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### MADBANKS

Nearest town: Castleford

#### Balsam control

Friday 25th July

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

### OWL WOOD & PIT PLANTATION

Nearest town: Allerton Bywater

#### Balsam control

Friday 11th July  
Friday 22nd August

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

### ROTHWELL COUNTRY PARK

Nearest town: Rothwell

#### Balsam control

Friday 4th July

#### Meadow management

Tuesday 12th August

**Contact:** Peter Gurney  
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#### Balsam control

Friday 1st August

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

#### Meadow management

Tuesday 26th August  
Tuesday 2nd September

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

### ROTHWELL PASTURES

Nearest town: Rothwell

#### Meadow management

Friday 26th September

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

Volunteers fencing





## SHERBURN WILLOWS

**Nearest town:**  
Sherburn-in- Elmet

### Fencing

Tuesday 1st July

### Balsam control

Tuesday 22nd July

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

## STIRLEY

**Nearest town:** Huddersfield

### Reserve management

Tuesday 1st July  
Thursday 3rd July  
Tuesday 8th July  
Thursday 10th July  
Tuesday 15th July  
Thursday 17th July  
Tuesday 22nd July  
Thursday 24th July  
Tuesday 29th July  
Thursday 31st July  
Tuesday 5th August  
Thursday 7th August  
Tuesday 12th August  
Thursday 14th August  
Tuesday 19th August  
Thursday 21st August  
Tuesday 26th August  
Thursday 28th August  
Tuesday 2nd September  
Thursday 4th September  
Tuesday 9th September  
Thursday 11th September  
Tuesday 16th September  
Thursday 18th September  
Tuesday 23rd September  
Thursday 25th September  
Tuesday 30th September

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

### Allotment gardening

Tuesday 1st July  
Tuesday 8th July  
Tuesday 15th July  
Tuesday 22nd July  
Tuesday 29th July  
Tuesday 5th August  
Tuesday 12th August  
Tuesday 19th August  
Tuesday 26th August  
Tuesday 2nd September  
Tuesday 9th September  
Tuesday 16th September  
Tuesday 23rd September  
Tuesday 30th September

**Contact:** Andy Dalton  
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## Dry stone walling

Friday 4th July  
Friday 18th July  
Friday 1st August  
Friday 15th August  
Friday 29th August  
Friday 12th August  
Friday 26th August

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

## STOCKSMOOR COMMON

**Nearest town:** Wakefield

### Balsam control

Thursday 17th July  
Thursday 14th August

### Reserve management

Thursday 18th September

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

## STONEYCLIFFE WOOD

**Nearest town:** Wakefield

### Balsam control

Thursday 3rd July  
Thursday 31st July

### Reserve management

Thursday 4th September

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

## THE LINES WAY

**Nearest town:** Kippax

### Meadow management

Friday 12th September

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

## TOWNCLOSE HILLS

**Nearest town:** Kippax

### Balsam control

Friday 29th August

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### Meadow management

Tuesday 9th September

**Contact:** Connor Byers  
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## Meadow management

Friday 19th September

**Contact:** Mary Painter  
07795 644125  
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## WATER HAIGH WOODLAND PARK

**Nearest town:** Rothwell

### Balsam control

Tuesday 8th July  
Tuesday 5th August

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### Meadow management

Friday 5th September

**Contact:** Mary Painter  
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## WILLOW GARTH

**Nearest town:** Knottingley

### Balsam control

Wednesday 2nd July

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### Balsam control

Wednesday 16th July

**Contact:** Peter Gurney  
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